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2 O. Manjelei and B. Seroff's Gala Performance, 'Rosita,' L. Opera, Lyc, 8.45
2 B.W.A., S.S.B. Jumble Sale, 9.30 a.m.
2 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
2 B.W.A. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
2 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
2 For. Y. Debate: 'Citizens Should Obey Laws,' 9
2 *Chen O'Malley Kiukiang Agreement (1927)*
2 *Central Government assumed jurisdiction over Spanish nationals (1937)*

Coming Events

MARCH

3 For. Y. Musical Programme, 6. Direction: Prof. S. S. Aksakov
3 'La Tosca,' with A. Valentinoff, Lyc.
3 Masonic Ball, C.S.F. 9.30
3 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
4 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
4 'Rosita,' Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
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5 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
6 Wincia Tomaszewska Piano Recital, American Women's Club, at 9.15
7 A.W.C. programme of plays, 4.45
7 For. Y. Lect: 'Foundation Research,' 9
8 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
8 Purim Ball, French Club, 9.30
9 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
9 Polish Women's Assn. Charity Bridge, Mahjongg, For. Y.M.C.A., 2.30
9 Royal Asiatic Society, Lecture
9 B.W.A. ann. general meeting, H.Q., 5.15
9 For Y. Debate: 'Pidgin English,' 9
9 Le Ballet Russe, gala premiere of the super-production of this season, 'Le Coq d'Or,' ballet in 3 acts, music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Lyceum Theatre, 9
10 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
10 'Specials,' 5th Annual Ball, Ciro's, 9.15
10 Club Hippique International 'Club Ball,' French Club, 10
11 Le Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 8
12 Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 2.15
12 Le Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 8
13 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
13 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
13 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15, Grand Gala Performance.
14 For. Y. Lecture: 'The Engineer and Crisis,' 9
14 A.W.C. Literary Dept. program., 4.45
14 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15
15 Royal Empire Society cocktail party, Masonic Hall, 6.30-8
16 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
Concert and Tea, 4.30
16 For. Y. Debate: 'Sword Mightier Than Pen,' 9
17 St. Patrick's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
18 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' special matinee, Lyceum, 3
21 A.W.C. Literary Dept. program., 4.45
21 Vladimir Havsky in a Piano Concert at the Lyceum, 9
21 For. Y. Lecture: 'Social Responsibility of the Engineer,' 9
22 S.S.P.C.A. Bridge/Mahjongg, AWC, 3
22 German A.D.C. 'Who killed the Count?' Parkstreet 13, Lyceum, 9
22 1st Annual Dinner Dance, Missouri Society of China, Farren's Nursery
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs. Faith,' 9
24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F.
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28 A.D.C. 'St. Joan,' Lyceum, 9
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The Giant Panda:

A Really Rare Animal

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—In your issue of February 15 you published a letter from Mr. O. M. Green in which he refers to a letter written to "The Times," London, by Captain H. C. Brocklehurst quoting from an article by me in "The China Journal" dwelling upon the rarity of the giant panda and suggesting that if the Chinese hunters of Western Szechuen get the idea that there is a market for this animal they will soon exterminate it. He went on to say that "Major" Tangier Smith scoffs at this fear, and declares that there are something like 400,000 pandas in the Wassu country.....

This is one of the most ridiculous statements I have ever heard, and shows that Mr. Smith knows little about the subject of which he speaks, in spite of the fact that he has spent so much time up in the wild mountainous country of Western Szechuen. I would be very surprised to learn that there were 400 giant pandas in the area under discussion, or, for that matter, in the whole of West China and neighbouring Tibet. It is the consensus of opinion amongst all those foreign explorers and hunters, who have personally gone after giant pandas and not just left it to native hunters to bring them in, that these animals are far from common, and occur in more or less restricted localities over a wide area. Captain Brocklehurst, one time Game Warden in the Sudan, to judge by his letter to "The Times" fully endorsed my view. I may say that he has himself twice visited the Wassu country, being one of the few foreigners who have shot a giant panda. Mrs. Harkness, who visited that country for the third time a year ago, informed me when she returned to Shanghai that already, as a result of the intensive hunting to which the pandas are being subjected by the natives, two big valleys in the Wassu country had been completely cleaned out of these animals.

Brooke Dolan, Jr., and Ernst Schafer, who carried out two expeditions into the Wassu country and East Tibet in 1931 and 1934, respectively, Theodore Roosevelt, who with his brother Kermit shot a giant panda while on an expedition in the same country in 1928, Dean Sage and W. G. Sheldon, who together shot a giant panda in the same area in 1935, Jack Young, the Honolulu-born Chinese explorer and his brother Quentin, who have been on several expeditions in the same region, and have hunted and secured specimens of the giant panda, have all personally informed me of its comparative rarity. The veteran missionary, the late Rev. J. Huston Edgar, who travelled extensively all over Western Szechuen and East Tibet, all the time keeping a sharp look out for giant pandas, never saw one of these animals. The same was the case with Brigadier-General Pereira, who carried out such extensive explorations in West China and East Tibet. It was one of his ambitions to see or secure one of these animals, but he never succeeded, although he was several times in what is now known to be panda country.

From the time it was first discovered by l'Abbé Armand David, the Lazarist missionary naturalist, somewhere about 1867-8, till Dr. Hugo Weigold and Dr. Stotzner secured specimens in the Wassu country in 1916, that is to say, a period of nearly fifty years, no foreigner had set eyes on one of these animals in the flesh, let alone seen one in its natural haunts, although many big game hunters and zoological explorers and collectors had visited the areas where they were known to exist in search of them.

If I remember rightly, Mr. Smith himself made the statement, at the time that Mrs. Harkness secured her first live giant panda and brought it to Shanghai, that he had already spent many years perfecting his plans for capturing a living specimen. Is it conceivable, then, that the giant panda should have proved so successful in eluding all these hunters, collectors and explorers for half a century if it had been such a common animal as Mr. Smith would now have us believe? With 400,000 pandas in the Wassu country, one would not be able to walk a mile in any direction without meeting several, yet hunter after hunter, intent on securing one of these animals, visited this general region and never encountered one, while Mr. Smith himself spent several years trying to secure one without success!

The truth of the matter is that the giant panda actually is a rare animal, that there cannot be many of them even in the wild and inaccessible mountain regions where they are known to occur, and that, with the native hunters being tempted by the good prices offered for live specimens to hunt them mercilessly, this rare species is bound to become extinct in the near future if it is not immediately protected against this wholesale commercial exploitation. The Chinese Government, which still controls Western China, would be well advised to put a stop to the hunting and exportation of giant pandas, alive or dead, at least till a proper survey of the situation has been made by competent biologists, and the granting of permission to secure specimens for scientific purposes, can be given intelligently and wisely.

ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

"Willow":

Artistic Merit Wasted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I would like to amplify the very meagre notice that appeared in the "N.C.D.N." of Thursday last concerning Mr. L. de Luca's new work "Willow." "Damned with faint praise" may be a platitude but it adequately expresses the attitude of the local press towards (whatever individual opinions of its artistic merit or entertainment value may be) what cannot be considered other than a very conscientious, ambitious and original effort to add to and to raise the standard of Shanghai's entertainments.

To Mr. de Luca, the opera represents many years of hard work, the culmination of a lifetime's musical education, the hopes and aspirations of an artist seeking self-expression in the medium of which he feels himself most capable. It would be invidious to compare the music with that of the immortals or the production with that of an experienced professional company, but the fact remains, not only in my opinion but in that of the majority of those who attended the Lyceum to support a courageous effort, that the show represents a considerable amount of hard work in the composition of the music, the designing and making of scenery and costumes and in the training of amateur singers. This alone deserves the hearty congratulations of the community.

Quite apart from these considerations, "Willow" can stand on its own feet as a work of art. The music is exceptionally tuneful and presents a harmonious continuity; the orchestration is particularly noteworthy and Mr. de Luca is to be congratulated on his refusal to cut down the size of the orchestra to suit financial or practical considerations. The scenery, designed by Miss Holwill and built by Mr. Domrachev is amongst the most artistic seen in Shanghai. No lack of expense or scamping of detail was allowed to mar the beauty of the costumes. No one of the singers and dancers gave other than their best to make a success of the show to which they gave their services freely and the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra under Maestro Paci gave their time and experience out of all proportion to material rewards. The result was a polished performance of a new work of considerable artistic merit by a local composer which was wasted on the palate of the Shanghai public long since vitiated by excess of cheap entertainment.

It will be the sincere hope of his many friends that Mr. de Luca will remember the example of the great musicians who continued to give the world masterpieces in the face of every discouragement and lack of appreciation; who continued in response to the fire of inspiration regardless of public opinion and whose music has outlasted the memory of its detractors. And the power of the press, when placed in the hands of a junior reporter, is ephemeral in comparison with the power of music.

I. G. ANDERSON.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

China Incident:

Suggested Settlement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It appears more patent every day that Japan will not be defeated in the field, but there is every chance of her being exhausted. She is not entirely without friends in the world, but both of them are too busy carving out their own Empire to give much heed to their friends in East Asia. It is futile to look to a revolution in Japan to end the war.

Equally fruitless to expect China to surrender, now that she has found valuable friends, a back door, and a rejuvenated spirit.

Yet this stalemate cannot bode well for anybody interested in the East, including the principal actors in the drama.

Consequent upon the exchange of none too cordial notes between Japan on the one hand, and America, Britain and France on the other, these latter countries cannot be called upon as arbitrators at this junction, but perhaps the smaller Powers interested in the East such as Belgium, Netherlands and Portugal can now step into the breach and try to end a meaningless wrangle.

J. C. DE B.

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

The Cinemas:

And Road Show Prices

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the letter which appeared in your correspondence columns this morning under the caption, "The Cinemas and Road Show Prices," we shall be grateful for space in your valued columns to make the position clear.

To put it in a nutshell; the film companies are only prepared to bring their heavy cost productions to China if there is the possibility of an adequate return, that is to say, that they are shown at roadshow prices. This demand of theirs we consider to be entirely reasonable in view of the rate of exchange and the fact that the territory in which they can profitably exploit these tremendously expensive pictures is now greatly restricted. Such superfilms as "Suez," "Gunga Din," and "Sweethearts," which are now on the way, are only being brought here on the express condition that they are shown at advanced rates.

Your correspondent's remark with regard to Hongkong showings provides an additional argument in favour of the rates charged here. Quite apart from the fact that the Crown Colony is a free port with no customs duty payable, the H. K. Dollar is worth $1.80 in local currency. Taking that as a basis, the roadshow top price, Shanghai $2.50 which equals H.K.$1.40, cannot be considered as unreasonble.

Asia Theatre Inc.
T. J. HOLT.
Vice-President.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

Audioscopics:

Left-handed And Careless

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Those unfortunates who did not enjoy the Audioscopics need not worry about their eyes. Their trouble is that they are left-handed!

And careless. (Elementary, my dear W., elementary.)

The amusing effects are brought about by an application of the stereoscopic principle and it is essential that the left side of the screen should be seen by the left eye and the right side by the right eye. Hence the coloured glasses; and the careful explanation as to how they should be held. If the glasses are transposed the wrong picture is seen by each eye and the brain cannot fuse 'hem into one, as it normally does.

S.

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

Another Solution

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Re AUDIOSCOPICO in your correspondence column, I offer an explanation in an attempt to satisfy their mind. The principle of malingering test is by asking the person under test to read the word "Friend" which is composed of alternative red and green letters, when the person has a pair of red and green glasses in front of the eyes. While the red glass absorbs the red colour from the print, and green the green colour, the person has no difficulty in reading the spelling of the word in case of two seeing eyes. With a non-seeing eye behind red glass, only the red letters are visible. The red and green bordering lines in the picture are of different magnitudes, and the mental blending of these components of the picture results in a view with an exaggerated perspective. Anybody with two seeing eyes of minimum degrees of co-ordination and of normal colour perception, as a rule, won't have any difficulty that it is. My conclusion in view of the inquirer's puzzle, is due either to lack of coordination of the two eyes, one eye sees less than its mate,—or colour blindness.

STEREOSCOPICS.

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

BY SAPAJOU

The Modern Mowgli—with Apologies to Kipling

Mr. Hearst's Silver Fetches £41,882

Purchase Prices are Not Maintained at Auction; Anonymous Gift

Although the total of £41,882 for a collection of old silver will strike many persons as a remarkably high sum, this figure represents only about 50 per cent. of the money which Mr. W. Randolph Hearst spent when he was forming his array of silver treasures displayed until recently at St. Donat's Castle, Glamorganshire, says A. C. R. Carter in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

Yet there were several occasions at Christie's on December 14 when the eagerness of public and private benefactors to endow the national and public museums with some Hearst trophy caused spirited bidding.

The most dramatic moment came at the end when the historic Pusey Horn was offered. Granted by King Canute to William Pawse for saving his life from a Saxon ambush, this ancient relic of an ox-horn, embellished later with silver-gilt mounts, seemed to claim a home in a national museum. Mr. Hearst acquired it in 1935 for £1,950. The bidding began at £1,000, and from beginning to end the contest was a duel between Mr. William Permain, who used to act for Mr. Hearst on his coûte que coûte missions, and Mr. Francis Mallett, near whom a lady was standing obviously closely attentive to the bidding.

Woman's Anonymous Gift

After Mr. Mallett had been called as the winner at £1,900, he asked the auctioneer to make the welcome announcement that he had been bidding on behalf of "an anonymous donor who desired to give the Pusey Horn to the Victoria and Albert Museum."

Before this Sir Alec Martin, on behalf of the National Art-Collections Fund, had been able to win at £820 a Commonwealth peg tankard by John Plummer, of York, 1657, to be presented to the same national museum at South Kensington. This had cost £604 in 1936.

It was at the outset of the sale, however, that first symptom of public spirit was shown. Silver collectors knew that, in 1832, the city of Boston, in Lincolnshire, sold its historic silver mace, formed as an oar, for a paltry sum. Mr. Geoffrey Harmsworth told me that this sum was only £28 16s. 7d.

About 1840 it was presented to Earl Brownlow, and in the Brownlow sale, 1929, it joined the Hearst Collection at £1,800. The National Art-Collections Fund joined forces with the Boston Preservation Trust, and Sir Alec Martin was able to win the trophy for the Boston Museum at £1,100.

I remember, 32 years ago, two Elizabethan silver tazze, which had belonged to Boston in Lincolnshire going to Boston in Massachusetts for £2,900.

The Galway Mace

Again, although there were many Irish visitors to the sale, there was apparently no Irish effort to win back the Great Mace and Sword of the City of Galway, which Mr. Hearst won three years ago, for £5,000. The last bid was £1,950. This amount also was the last—and winning—bid made by Messrs. Spink for a superb James I. silver-gilt rosewater ewer and dish, 1618, which actually showed a profit of £300 on the price paid for them in the Plomer-Ward sale at Christie's in 1914. Messrs. Spink also won at £1,500 the James I. silver-gilt ewer and dish which had belonged to Lord Palmerston's mother, Mary Mee. When sold in 1934 they cost £2,450.

Perhaps the biggest débâcle of the day was the failure of an Elizabethan "pariel" gift cup, 1585, to go beyond £310. When offered in 1930 this brought the stupendous bid of £165 per ounce—that is a total of £3,275 5s.

The four Hearst silver mazer bowls also failed to arouse enthusiasm. The famous Fergusson mazer, for which £6,000 was refused in 1930, now stopped at £1,150, and the Temple Newsam mazer sold by Viscount Halifax in 1935 for £850 dropped to £500.

Showing a Profit

It is more pleasing to mention instances of profits. Thus, Cmdr. How, of Edinburgh, gave £820 for an Elizabethan silver-gilt bell-salt bought for £572 10s. in 1928, and at £1,000 he won a silver-gilt flagon, 1607, which was supposed to bring a "top" price in 1934, when it fetched £890 12s.

In such a sale it seems incredible that any lot should have cost Mr. Hearst only 5s. an ounce. But in the Edward Steinkopff sale, 1935, that was the price of two 1806 silver-gilt jardinières. At this sale the pair brought £175, against £178 5s. three years ago.

German, Italian Move Against Swiss Press

Report of Demarche in Berne Later Denied

Berne, Feb. 28.

The German and Italian Ministers to Switzerland, interviewing the Foreign Minister, Dr. Giuseppe Motta, today demanded that the Swiss Press modify its attitude towards the Axis powers, it was reported. This report is, however, categorically denied in competent quarters here.—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 2, 1869

From Swatow:—It is also satisfactory to learn, that everything is quiet in the neighbourhood of Swatow. Mr. Alabaster, H.M. Acting Consul, has visited Chaochow without escort, and without insult or unfriendly demonstration of any kind. No notice was taken of his boat at the lately hostile villages, and above them the inhabitants were friendly and polite. The villagers have entered into bonds not to annoy foreigners in future; and the country seems now at last open.

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From Peking:—A rumour has come down that an Imperial edict has been issued, prohibiting the cultivation of the poppy in China, which is likely to be strictly enforced. We give it just as it has reached us, as the merest rumour, but even as such it will no doubt create some excitement amongst opium dealers at this port, and probably cause an advance in rates for opium.

General Franco arrived in great secrecy, and he visited a theatre in the afternoon with his wife and daughter to see a programme of films of a Barcelona military parade and the Ebro battle.

Mr. Y. F. KAY

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First Mortgage Real Estate Loans	19,162,374
Balances due on Real Estate Sales Contracts	2,570,481
Mortgages held as additional security on above Contracts	859,067
Home Office Building	591,000
All Other Real Estate	2,765,323
Loans on Policies	5,224,150
Preferred and Common Stocks (Market Value)	4,061,192
Assets of Management Funds	10,895,638
Premiums deferred and in course of Collection	1,909,057
Interest Due and Accrued	342,049
Other Admitted Assets	52,069
TOTAL ASSETS	U.S.$59,540,930

LIABILITIES

All Policy Reserves		U.S.$42,952,073
Premiums and Interest Prepaid		833,527
Taxes Accrued		353,791
Liabilities and Surpluses of Management Funds		10,895,638
All Other Liabilities		379,597
TOTAL LIABILITIES		U.S.$55,414,626
Investment and Other Contingency Reserves		U.S.$1,094,372
Capital	U.S.$1,000,000	
Surplus Assigned	300,599	
Surplus Unassigned	1,731,333	
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CATHAY.—"King of the Underworld."—Fast, suspenseful and exciting melodrama follows the kidnapping of a doctor to tend wounded thugs after their own medico has been shot down in a police raid. With Kay Francis, Humphrey Bogart, John Eldrege and James Stephenson. Reviewed elsewhere.

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PARIS.—"Cocoanut Grove."—Fred MacMurray, Harriet Hilliard, Ben Blue and Billy Lee.

Films Coming

"Arkansas Traveller."—Laughs jostle the heart throbs as America's two "home-spun humorists" save a failing business from disaster, run the crooks out of town and play Santa Claus to a budding romance. With Bob Burns, Fay Bainter, John Beal, Irvin S. Cobb, Jean Parker, Lyle Talbot and Porter Hall. Soon at the CATHAY.

"Young Doctor Kildare."—An absorbing drama laid behind the scenes at a big hospital, with a charming love story in progress and a mystery to be solved as well. The cast includes Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Lynne Carver, Nat Pendleton, Jo Ann Sayers and Samuel S. Hinds. Coming to the NANKING.

"Paris Honeymoon."—Romance, lilting melody and uproarious comedy strew Bing's primrose path as he goes to Paris to marry one girl but winds up somewhere in the Balkans in the arms of another. With Bing Crosby, Franciska Gaal, Akim Tamiroff, Shirley Ross, Edward Everett Horton and Ben Blue. Coming to the GRAND.

"Sharpshooters."—Reckless romance, dynamic action and thrills galore in every foot of this tale of the daredevils behind the cameras that bring you so unfailingly the highlights of the world's news. With Brian Donlevy, Lynn Bari, Wally Vernon, John King and Douglas Dumbrille. Soon at the METROPOL.

"The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse."—Edward G. Robinson in one of his best roles, supported by Claire Trevor and Humphrey Bogart. Tomorrow at the CAPITOL.

"The Texans."—Joan Bennett, Randolph Scott, May Robson and Walter Brennan in a top-notch Western epic. Tomorrow at the PARIS.

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The Russian Ballet

Kniazeff plays Tsar Dodon next week at the Lyceum.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Arkansas Traveller"

Coming soon to the Cathay Theatre is this drama in which Bob Burns has the principal role, supported by Fay Bainter, Irvin S. Cobb, Jean Parker, Lyle Talbot and Porter Hall.

"Dawn Patrol"

Owing to the popularity of this picture on its first-run, the Metropol Theatre is screening it again today. Errol Flynn, David Niven, Basil Rathbone and Melville Cooper have the leading roles.

"Smashing the Rackets"

The Grand Theatre today is sponsoring this film of war on the gangsters. Chester Morris and Frances Mercer are starred, while Rita Johnson, Bruce Cabot and Ben Welden support.

"The Young in Heart"

This outstanding production is on the Nanking screen today, in which Janet Gaynor and Douglas Fairbanks, jun., have the starring roles supported by Roland Young and Billie Burke.

Shanghai Players to Present "Orpheus"

Outstanding Cast Aided By Recent Arrivals; U.S. Seaman in Title Role

It is expected that the forthcoming production of Monteverde's opera "Orpheus" at the Lyceum Theatre on the evenings of March 13 and 14 and on the afternoon of March 18 by the Shanghai Players will be one of the outstanding social and artistic events of the present season.

The opera will be presented under

Serge Ermoll

Who has introduced the "Chestnut Tree" at the Arcadia.

the distinguished patronage of the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness Guillaume, Lady Clark Kerr, the Italian Ambassador and Marchese Paliani de Marchio, the Polish Minister and Mme Barthel de Weydenthal, the Czechoslovakian Minister and Mme Seba, The Portuguese Minister and Mme J. de Lebre e Lima, the Chargé d'Affaires for France and Mme Knobel, the Charge d'Affaires for Switzerland, and the Chargé d'Affaires for Chile and Mme E. Vega Lopez.

The production is in aid of the organ Fund of the Catholic Church of Christ the King. The committee of management consists of the Rev. Father McDonald (Chairman), Mmes Huppman, W. J. Keswick, de Paoli and Carlos Silva and Messrs. G. Borea-Regoli, O'Bolger, J. A. Favret, P. H. Klimanek, J. Lafontaine, C. F. D. Lowe, B. J. E. Price, L. R. Schinazi and R. L. Stuart.

300 Years Old

"Orpheus" which was first performed in Mantua in the year 1607 is one of the great landmarks in musical history, and is a work which no one who is interested in music or drama should miss. Part of the opera was performed in the film version of "Anthony Adverse." It will be directed and produced by Mr. R. L. Stuart and will be sung in English, the translation being that made by him for the Oxford revival of 1925. The Oxford edition of the score prepared by Mr. J. A. Westrup and Dr. William Harris will be used. This succeeds, where previous editions have failed, in producing with modern instruments the effect of Monteverde's orchestra.

The libretto, ascribed to Alessandro Striggio, follows faithfully the classical story of Orpheus and Eurydice except as regards the ending. In the myth Orpheus is torn to pieces by Thracian women, enraged at the musician's indifference to their charms. In the opera he is persuaded by his father, the God Apollo, who comes down from Olympus for the purpose, to desist from his lamentations for his lost Eurydice and to ascend with him to Heaven where he may "in the sun and stars behold her fair and lovely semblance."

It can be stated that the cast which will perform "Orpheus" consists of the strongest team of professionals and amateurs which has ever been assembled in this city. Through postponing the dates of production the Shanghai Players have had the great good fortune to secure the most valued co-operation of Mme Seenstra-Toussaint, known to the public as Mary Stewart who will sing the role of the Messenger who, in the style of the Greek Drama, announces in a long recitative which in restrained dramatic intensity is unparalleled in the history of opera, the tragic news of the death of Eurydice and its attendant circumstances.

The part of Orpheus is extremely difficult to fill, and again the Shanghai Players have been extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Carric Andrew, second-class yeoman of the U.S.S. Luzon, who is the possessor of a wonderful baritone voice which has earned him the sobriquet in the United States of "the song bird of the American Navy." As has already been announced Mrs. Ruth Fullam will appear as Music, Mrs. Sonia Kucej as Proserpina and Mr. Vladimir Shushlin as Charon. None of these singers need any introduction to Shanghai audiences. The part of First Shepherd and Apollo will be doubled by Mr. J. M. E. Lopes, another "find." Mrs. Dixie Umpleby will appear as Second Shepherd, Miss Winifred Allan as Eurydice and Mr. Y. K. Sze as Pluto. These three singers played important parts in the recent production of Mr. Luigi de Luca's opera "Willow." The parts of Third and Fourth Shepherds will be taken by Mr. F. J. Lopes and Mr. Jack Chadderton respectively.

The ballet which is an important feature of the opera is in the hands of Miss Ann Summers. Those taking part in it are Miss Suzette Arnhold, Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Mrs. Bonnar, Mrs. D. M. Butt, Miss I. Chieri, Miss Mary Clifton, Mrs. C. T. Crowe, Miss Tommy Hawkings, Mrs. G. M. Horey, Miss Marian Kieffer, Miss Dallas Franklin, Miss Irene Noon, Miss Rutherford and Mrs. Watkin Williams.

The chorus of nymphs, shepherds and infernal spirits includes Mrs. Aiers, Miss Patricia Allan, Miss Mildred Cooper, Miss Rosalind Cooper, Miss Huxley, Miss Jean Kale, Mrs. Peggy Johnson, Mrs. de Paoli, Miss Alice Morris, Mrs. May Pecaric, Miss Pocetta Sauders, Miss Isobel Watt, and Messrs. Bertram Russell Brown, W. K. Corneck, da Costa, James M. Dunlap, Ernest Fensham, Ronald G. Fuller, Tommy Huxley, Tony Horne, H. J. Lubeck and Bobby Woodhead.

Cyclorama to be Used

The dresses are designed by Mrs. Peters and Mr. Edmund Toeg. The stage manager is Mr. Gerald Horey, the lighting will be by Mr. F. M. Howard. In the latter connection it is believed that this production will be the first in which a cyclorama has been used by foreigners in Shanghai. There will be a symphony orchestra of 33 musicians consisting partly of members of the Municipal orchestra who are generously giving their services and partly of talented amateurs. The import part of the "continuo" originally intended for harpsichord will be rendered on the painoforte by Nadine de Leuchtenberg Beauharnais. Mr. R. J. E. Price has kindly consented to act as business manager of the production and assistant producer.

"King of the Underworld"

Kay Frances and John Eldredge are at the Cathay Theatre today.

"Coq d'Or"

It may be anticipated that the "Coq d'Or" will be an outstanding production of the Russian Ballet and will add another laurel to their reputation of producing excellent shows. The opening performance at the Lyceum is on March 9.

Audrey King, dancing the part of the Golden Cockerel, should be remarkable in her display of technique and grace. The Russian folk dances in which Shevlugin and Wiener will have interesting comical parts and which include Mlles Bobinina, Vorobieva, Larskaya, Lissner and Voropaeva, the flaming and eccentric dances of Antares and Makovskaya, Lincoln, the very amusing dance of the foster-mother Amelfa (Baranova) and her wenches, all will be very interesting. The dances of the Orient interpreted by Yanover and her entourage will be enchanting.

Mimical roles are specially amusing: old Tsar Dodon, (Kniazeff) his Warrior Polican (Eliroff) and the Boyards. Very imposing and picturesque will be the figure of the Astrologer, interpreted by Sokolsky.

A successful distribution of roles, strong cast, beautiful music and, as it is usual with Le Ballet Russe, splendid scenery and magnificent costumes should make of this production a remarkable event in the theatrical life of Shanghai.

Best Box Office Stars

With Clark Gable heading the male stars for the third consecutive year, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer carried off highest honours in the annual poll of the "Motion Picture Herald," American trade publication, to determine the leading box-office stars of 1938. The ten ranking stars included five who are under long-term contract to M-G-M, Gable being followed by Mickey Rooney, Spencer Tracy, Robert Taylor and Myrna Loy.

The "Herald" also lists fifteen "honour stars," as well as several groups reflecting the influences of sectional preferences. M-G-M representatives among the honour stars are Wallace Beery, Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, William Powell and Miss MacDonald and Eddy, bracketed as a team.

French Club Dance

The French Club Dinner Dance was well attended last Saturday and it is obvious that members have decided to do their entertaining in the Club's beautiful ballroom, where they know that the atmosphere will be smart, sophisticated and cozy. An entirely new floor show will be offered on Saturday, when the following programme will be presented:—

"Liebestraum" .Hazankina and Kniazeff
"Allegro" .....Franciska
"Siboney" .....Sinikova
"Les Gaux" .....Hazankina and Kniazeff
"Tambourin" .....Franciska

Pie-Eating Contest

An Amateur Singing Contest which will be climaxed with a dance contest and a pie-eating contest will be held tonight at the Winter Garden. There will be special prizes for the three winners of the singing contest, but all other contestants will also receive prizes. The current floor show features Tony and Nina, Sid Kamau, Tommy Missman, P. Vila and Tod Sanborn. Music by Nina Kellan's American orchestra. The Winter Garden is open all night and will hold a tea dance next Sunday.

Hungaria Programme

The Hungaria Night Club and restaurant, being situated in the residential area, is inaugurating, in addition to their nightly programmes, a tiffin menu with short orders, specializing in Hungarian dishes. The cuisine and Continental atmosphere is a definite incentive for an evening of gaiety for epicurean and terpsichorean devotees. Besides the Continental orchestra, Stella Silman, master of the violin and accordeon, with her personality, is an entertainer *par excellence.*

Laura Guerite at the Maskee Night Club

An old favourite of Shanghai night clubs in previous years, Laura Guerite has returned to Shanghai after a sojourn of three years abroad. She will be seen at the Maskee nightly in sketches and items, in her inimitable manner, born and bred of many years stardom on the London and New York stages. On her most recent visit to London, where she renewed her friendship with Sophie Tucker, she, in common parlance "knocked 'em over" at the Grosvenor House. Her stay at the Maskee is not to be prolonged, inasmuch as she leaves for America in the near future.

Musical Eccentrics

The many patrons of D.D's never seem to tire of the musical eccentricities of Teddy and Ferry Guzza; and with good reason, because each week these talented musicians put on an entirely different programme. Backed by his many years of musical experience in many lands Teddy accepts challenges to play musical numbers of seven different countries and often he will sing them also in the original. Ferry does costume twins which are more than acceptable and is ready to answer to encores.

Landoff and Corry

At Farrens Landhoff and Corry still thrill patrons with their acrobatic dances and, having such an extensive repertoire, they should continue to do so during a long engagement. The programme has been somewhat curtailed, owing to the stay in hospital of Don of the team of Don and Dolly, but Corry fills in with another specialty number, while Elnik does several of her charming character dances. Billed as the King of Magicians another turn will be presented shortly. The "King" is said be a master of his craft and his illusions are mystifying.

Geza and Gino

It will be learned from the advertising columns of this journal that Geza and Gino hold forth nightly at the Roxy, both playing pianos and crooning song hits harmoniously in several languages. "Swing High, Swing Low," according to the notice, appears to be their specialty this week.

Coloratura

En route from Tientsin to Hongkong, Manila and India, Eleanore Kamkoff is spending some weeks in Shanghai and at several private functions has rendered a number of songs. Miss Kamkoff is qualified both as a lyric and coloratura and it is a distinct pleasure to hear her sing, inasmuch as she is competent in six languages. Also in her repertoire are impersonations of film stars.

"Rosita"

The Russian Light Opera stars Manjelei at the Lyceum tonight.

Russian Light Opera

Tonight in the Lyceum the Russian Light Opera are honouring their star dancers, Seroff and Manjelei, with the gala performance of "Rosita," which the former is producing. Supporting them are Bitner, Nevskaya, Valin, Kudinoff, Rosen and Muravieff.

The production is more in the nature of a ballet-revue, rather than a light opera and therefore will be to the liking of non-Russian patrons. The three principal items are a tango, fandango and the choreographic poem. "When Leaves Fall." Interspersed with the vocal portion of "Rosita" are other dancing numbers.

Seroff and Manjelei have had a long and successful career in the Far East since their departure from Russia and it extends from Manchoukuo to Manila. It is generally accepted that they are the best dance team in China.

"Rosita" will be repeated on Saturday and Sunday.

"La Golondrina"

Friedrich Schiller's special arrangement of "La Golondrina" (The Swallow) at the Jockey Night Club is one of the pleasing musical features of the establishment this week. There are many requests for this delightful number every night. Schiller and Joachim Lesser hold forth at the two pianos, with the latter in the role of dance music artiste. The Jockey is becoming a rendezvous for the elite of the city.

At the Gaiety

"No intervals" is the slogan of the management of the Gaiety Night Club, which with the addition of the Ruff brothers, they are able to maintain. Dances and turns are the usual order and in the interim the brothers, at the piano and violin, render classical and jazz melodies. Among the artistes are Tarskaya, Lincoln and Sonnie Schierhorn. The quiet effects of the ballroom are reinforced by a gay cocktail bar.

Cecil B. de Mille secured permission of Mr. William M. Jeffers of Omaha, president of the Union Pacific Railway, to make Jeffers' father a character in Paramount's saga of the first transcontinental railroad, "Union Pacific." Jeffers, senior, was a "gandy-dancer," or labourer, in construction of the $73,000,000 iron highway that linked the coasts. "Jeffers," the character, will appear merely as a labourer in construction scenes, but somewhere in the picture will have his name called out, to identify him.

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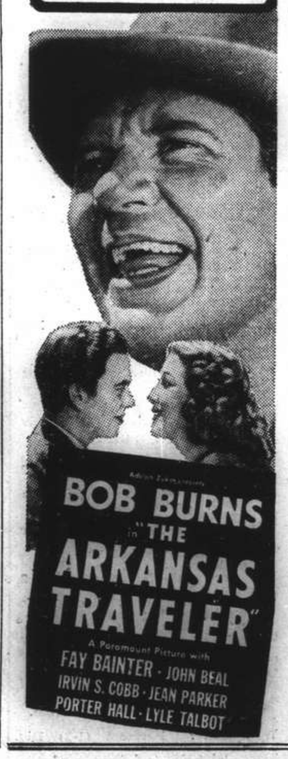

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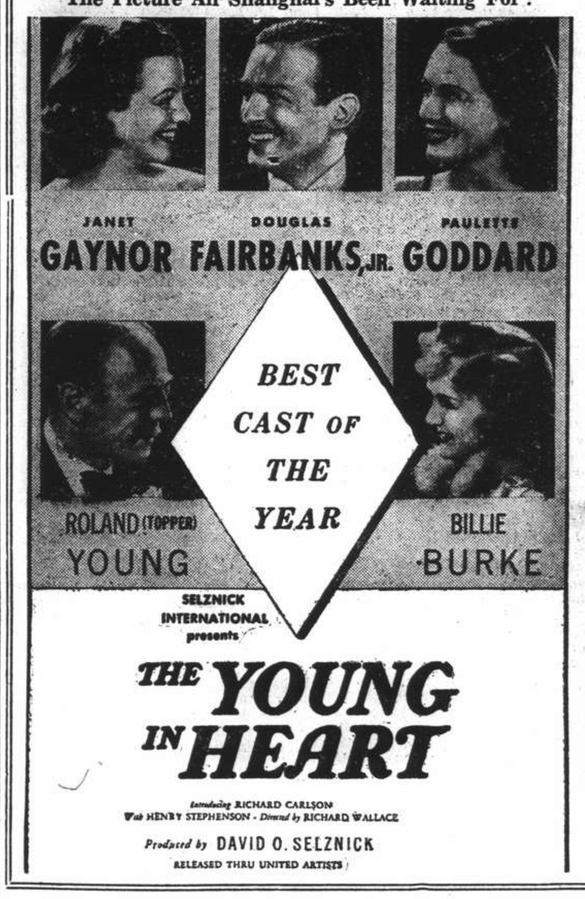

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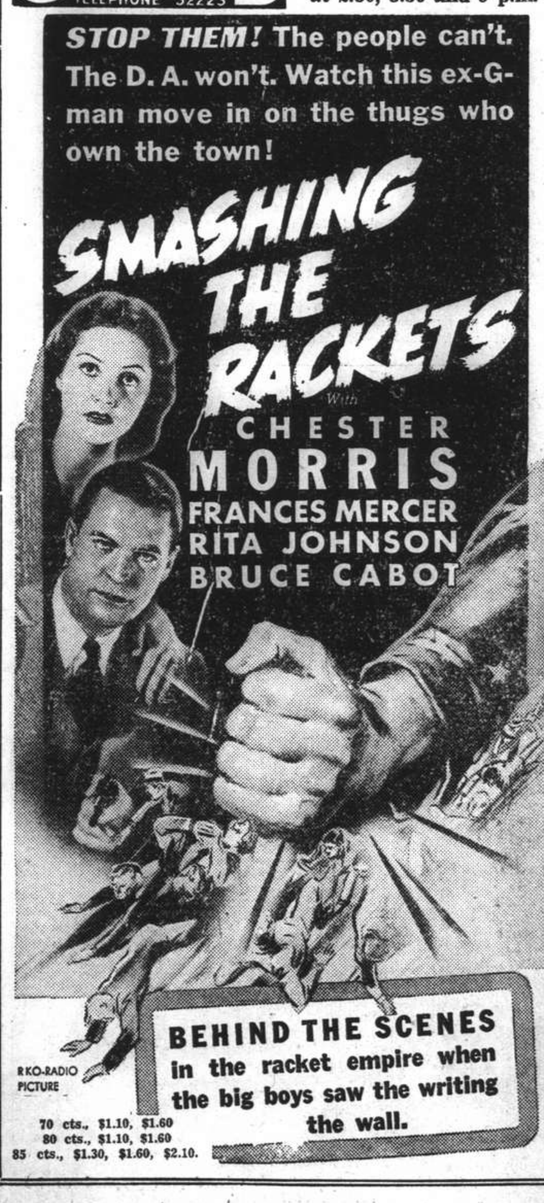

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Seaforth Officers Conquer French Army Team

Entertaining Football Match Marked Chiefly By Miskicking and Peculiar Methods

HOW "veterans" play their football was demonstrated at Kiaochow Park yesterday afternoon when the Officers of the Seaforth Highlanders went into action against a scratch French Army side before a few hundred privileged spectators. The officers emerged victors by three clear goals.

The game was replete with errors on the part of both sides. Miskicks and wrong passes were the chief items throughout the two 30-minute halves. Maj. McFarlane, however, played a correct game and showed glimpses of his old form as he held the centre-half position in fine style. He scored the second and third goals in the second half, the last one being made after he was shifted to the right wing berth towards the closing stages because of a slight injury to his left thigh.

Captains Williamson and Petterson were steady as a pair of backs and had goalkeeper Lieut. Henderson well covered. Of the forwards, Capt. Ritchie, mainstay on the Highlanders' hockey team, did a nice job as centre-forward and tallied the opening goal in the first half. Lieut. Victor MacLaglen, former Sports Officer, also played an important part, filling the right wing berth until he changed positions with Maj. McFarlane.

The British Officers pressed from the start, in spite of playing against the wind. The ball was constantly kept in French territory as the raiders were faster on their feet, specially Lieut. McLaglen. The outside-right received feeble support as both Lieut. Mackintosh, right-half, and Lt. Hammond-Chambers, inside-right, appeared to have completely forgotten football and played in a most unorthodox manner.

At the other end, Lieut. Henderson was hardly tested. The two backs had the situation well under control. Moreover, the French forwards failed to settle down and performed in a sloppy manner.

From a corner kick, taken by Lieut. I. A. McLaglen, Capt. Richie shot. The ball hit one of the fullbacks and was deflected into the net. The officers continued to press. Several shots were fired but the French keeper saved every one of them to prevent be score from increasing.

Upon the resumption the French were the first to attack and it looked as if the tables would be turned, as the ultimate losers played with the wind at their back. The British team defended well and gradually removed the threat.

French Keeper Beaten

In the middle of the period Capt. McFarlane got hold of the ball and jobbed it goalwards. The French keeper misjudged to allow the ball to soar over his head and enter the net.

A few minutes after the second goal, Capt. McFarlane received a slight injury and moved out to the wing position. There he worked effectively, displaying appropriate coordination with Capt. Ritchie. The latter missed a sitter as the ball passed across the goal and the Captain completely miskicked, apparently being too much in a hurry to make connection.

Near the close of the game, from a timely pass by Capt. Ritchie, Major McFarlane drove into the net a pretty shot.

The teams were:—

SEAFORTHS:—Lt. Henderson, Capt. Williamson, Capt. Petterson, Major Boner, Major McFarlane, Lt. Mackintosh, Lt. I. A. McLaglen, Lt. Marshall, Capt. Ritchie, Lt. Hammond-Chambers, Lt. V. MacLaglen.

FRENCH ARMY:—Quint, Guigue, Bouret, Quigan, Quilamme, Batchuit, Chalu, Bulieret, Brouthe, Sil, Degeau.

Official Training Season Begins

Racing Ponies Gallop on Grass Track for First Time This Year

By "Centre"

Yesterday opened with a fine morning, and as it was the first day of the official training season, the grass course was thrown open for the use of members, and was taken full advantage of to give many of the new ponies their first feel of grass under their feet, in place of what they have had to gallop on for the last few months. All of which, despite the more or less heavy track which was against doing fast time on, made it a most interesting morning for the large gathering of members and others present.

The mist hanging over the track up to nearly 8 a.m. rather deprived onlookers of getting a clear view of the ponies as they journeyed round the track and also made it difficult for those with stop watches to time correctly the gallops quarter by quarter—still it was possible to get the times done for the full 1¼ mile, and also the last quarter of the distance, and despite the heavy going, some of the performances may be looked upon as a useful guide to Saturday's racing. In this respect the following gallops that I timed may be of interest.

Flyinglight (EM) and Pearlylight (boy) did their mile in 2.20 last quarter 35⅘. I was not too well pleased with the former's finish. The Frigate and the Swan went a slow mile together, but both covered the last quarter in good style when doing it in 34.2. Frostylight finished up his gallop well, as also did Cordon Rouge, but I did not take the times of either.

Some Sub Gallops

Amongst the subs that I saw working on the grass track, possibly the one to do the best time was Lore Fels ridden by E. B. Cumine. He went 1¼ mile in company, doing the distance in 3.00 with a fairly fast last quarter, though rolling a bit at the finish. He is a big pony standing nearly 13.3, but gets in at 13.2. He has a long stride, but wants strong riding and holding together at the finish.

Loch Marce (RHR) did his 1¼ mile in 3.06.1, finishing a little tired. I did not time the last quarter but others gave to it me as inside 33. Interim (HM) went one mile in 22.6, last quarter 36, but was not pressed to do it faster. Spicylight went one mile in company, doing it in 2.32.3, last quarter 35. Alstereck (EBC) did his ¾ mile in 1.46.4, last quarter 35.3. This pony moves well and should be a winner before the end of this month.

Olympic Runner Warned

London, Feb. 28.

J. Kusocinski, of Poland, a former Olympic 5,000 metres champion, who has run in England, has successfully appealed to the Polish Athletic Association against a verdict of three years' disqualification by the Warsaw district committee of the Association. Kusocinski has received a warning instead.

As winner of a 5,000 metres race in the Polish championships, he received a camera costing £14. According to the rules in Poland the value of the prize must not exceed £8.

The camera was chosen and bought by the local committee, of which Kusocinski was himself a member. The secretary of the committee was disqualified for six months.—Reuter.

Death of Former Champion

London, Feb. 27.

Tommy Orange, 80 year-old ex-boxer, who won the bantamweight championship of England over fifty years ago, has died at his home at Bethnal Green on Christmas morning.

In his younger days he battled against many men whose names now figure in boxing history, including the famous Charlie Mitchell. Remarkably virile for his eighty years, Orange was regularly to be seen at the annual amateur boxing championships.

He recently described some of his boxing experiences over the radio, and recalled that when he was a young man boxers fought for what they could get. Once after a gruelling contest, he received only half a crown.

Fights at the time had to take place in private, and many were the ruses adopted to prevent the police from discovering the venues.—Reuter.

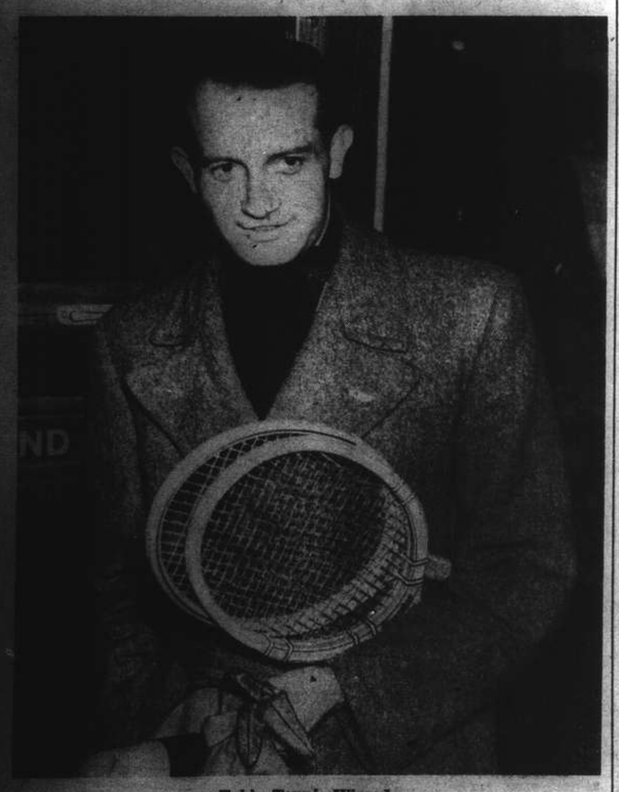

Table Tennis Wizard

Viktor Barna, the Hungarian table tennis wizard photographed as he arrived at London.

Prominent Grand National Candidate

Mrs. Smith-Bingham's Brendams Cottage (T. Carey up) is now quoted at a price of 20-1 for the Grand National Steeplechase which is to be run at Aintree on March 24.

Colony Accepts Invitation

Hongkong Ladies Coming to Shanghai During Easter Period for Series of Matches

THE Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association have just received official acceptance from the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association of their invitation to send a team up during the coming Easter holidays to play a series of interport matches here. The visitors expect to arrive in Shanghai around April 6, returning south again about April 15. No definite sailing fixtures have as yet been arranged.

While the very wet weather during the past several week-ends has greatly retarded the progress which the Shanghai ladies had hoped to make in the selection and training of their Interport XI, it is hoped better luck will prevail in the coming weeks and a full programme of trial and practice games will take place, as well as a series of lectures by Capt. W. G. Clarke who is acting as coach as well as head of the Selection Committee.

At a special meeting held recently to discuss details and arrangements in connection with the interport visit, it was decided to arrange for all matches to be played at Kiaochow Park if possible.

The entertainment of the visitors is in the hands of a special committee headed by Miss E. Bloomfield and while no definite plans have as yet been made it is hoped that a supper dance will be held on the night of the Interport Match, as well as other functions during the visitors' stay so that the local hockey enthusiasts will have an opportunity of meeting the Hongkong ladies.

Two trial games have been posted for this week-end. The teams and time for the games are as follows:—

Saturday, at 2.45 p.m., Race Course 4.
Whites:—U. Paelz, E. Bloomfield, F. Woods, I. Wilkinson, M. Ballingall, S. Forrestier, M. Turner, A. da Silva, I. Ornberger, L. McKlevie, D. Bloomfield.
Colours:—M. Collaco, B. Cumine, M. Osa, I. Blair, G. Berg, R. Henchman, J. McKeown, D. Fardley, M. Sheridan, N. Kelly, U. Berg.
Reserves:—J. Picozzi, J. Pereira, S. Ahmed, E. Heley, N. Sinclair.

Sunday, at 2.45 p.m., Race Course 4.
Whites:—B. Gordon, N. Sinclair, J. Campbell, R. Mizrahi, E. Heley, D. Fredericks, J. Picozzi, I. Ornberger, M. Mack, T. Collaco, H. Ahmed.
Colours:—J. Pereira, G. Gonsalves, P. Forshaw, N. Kwachadze, J. Andrews, B. Butt, V. Hutton, B. Patrick, R. Cooper, F. Gershevitch, L. McKlevie.
Reserves:—M. Collaco, M. Osa, S. Forrestier, I. Ornberger.

In the event of rain on Saturday and the consequent closure of the Race Course grounds, the match will take place on Sunday at the Race Course and the trial for Sunday will be held over until the following week-end.

Reserves, if required, will be notified the night before.

Candidates unable to play are requested to notify one of the following immediately:—Miss H. Knoch, (16375 or 71110), Miss E. Bloomfield, (94090 or 70666).

Two games in the "B" Division will take place on Sunday as follows:—

2:15 p.m. Erin Villa "B" *v.* German "E," E. V. Ground.

3:30 p.m. Erin Villa Juniors *v.* Sokols, E. V. Ground.

Hong League Will Be Formed

Sixteen Entries Received For Innovation in Local Bowling Competition

For the first time in local bowling annals, a Hong League will take form on March 13 with no less than sixteen teams entering. Because of the large number of entries, the series is split into two sections, called Hardwood and Softwood.

Games will begin at 9 p.m. In the case of a tie in either section a match, best of three games, will be played to decide the winners. The final between the two section shall be a match of seven games, the winner of four or more shall be the League champions.

The teams are as follows:

HARDWOOD	HOME ALLEYS
"Y" Secrtaries	Foreign "Y"
1st Bn. U.S.M.C.	Marines Club
Brokers	Race Club
Insurance Cos.	Race Club
Automobile Cos.	Columbia Club
Texaco	Columbia Club
Banks	American Club
Auditors	American Club

SOFTWOOD	HOME ALLEYS
Hd., U.S.M.C.	Foreign "Y"
Post Mercury	Foreign "Y"
2nd Bn. U.S.M.C.	Marines Club
Accountants	Race Club
Exporters	Columbia Club
Yee Tsoong	Columbia Club
Telephone Co.	American Club
Chemical Cos.	American Club

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Wee Dell; 2, Tragopan.
Also ran:—Wee Wren, The Mate, Our Best, Rocket.
5 lengths.—Time, 27.52.
Win, $29.00. Forecast (6-2) Div. $164.40.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $12.00.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Dalebird; 2, Slippery Sam.
Also ran:—Jacaueline, Vita Spermin, Silver Days, Se You Kee.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.82.
Win, $27.70. Forecast (2-1) Div. $103.30.
Place, 1st $30.10; 2nd $12.00.
Double Event 1/2 (6-2) Div. $125.20.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearl's Pet; 2, Bouzou.
Also ran:—Gay Cavatier, Chihli Grey Walf, Paper Boy, Chop Suey.
1 length.—Time, 30.99.
Win, $46.70. Forecast (2-4) Div. $226.90.
Place, 1st $16.60; 2nd $13.50.
Double Event 2/3 (2-2) Div. $70.00.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Follow Me; 2, Expansion.
Also ran:—Brass Hat, Red Terror, Humpty Dumpty, High Brow.
12 lengths.—Time, 29.47.
Win, $24.20. Forecast (6-4) Div. $149.30.
Place, 1st $16.20; 2nd $18.30.
Double Event 3/4 (2-6) Div. $144.50.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Berniedale; 2, Fairy Bells.
Also ran:—Mad Plume, Dinna Ken, Neptune, L'Ousta No.
Short head.—Time, 30.53.
Win, $14.40. Forecast (1-6) Div. $45.20.
Place, 1st $7.60; 2nd $8.80.
Double Event 4/5 (6-1) Div. $19.20.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Fulover; 2, Our Hope.
Also ran:—Bebben, Woosung, Distinction, Botany Bay.
1½ length.—Time, 30.50.
Win, $13.80. Forecast (1-5) Div. $117.90.
Place, 1st $8.80; 2nd $18.90.
Double Event 5/6 (1-1) Div. $14.00.

7—600 yd. flat.—1, Prima Donna; 2, Pierce Arrow.
Also ran:—Lady's Man, Little Moira, General, Glencoe.
1½ length.—Time, 30.32.
Win, $23.30. Forecast (4-3) Div. $210.10.
Place, 1st $14.30; 2nd $16.70.
Double Event 6/7 (1-4) Div. $54.90.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Woodford; 2, Olympia.
Also ran:—Mad Jack, Black Mask, Clara Fante, Big Shot.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.13.
Win, $11.80. Forecast (3-6) Div. $60.80.
Place, 1st $8.50 2nd $12.60.
Double Event 7/8 (4-3) Div. $33.40.

9—525 yd. flat.—1, Bella; 2, Catch Me.
Also ran:—Lady Whirlwind, Pearlman, Snaresbrook, Adam's Ruin.
4½ lengths.—Time, 31.13.
Win, $13.60. Forecast (1-2) Div. $45.30.
Place, 1st $7.70; 2nd $8.80.
Double Event 8/9 (3-1) Div. $14.30.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Instructor; 2, Wanstead.
Also ran:—Jackie's Lady, O.I.C., Master Zeb, Creditor.
2 lengths.—Time, 31.03.
Win, $33.30. Forecast (5-4) Div. $257.80.
Place, 1st $19.90; 2nd $20.80.
Double Event 9/10 (1-5) Div. $60.40.

11—600 yd. flat.—1, Mascaroon; 2, Blarney Stone.
Also ran:—Saarland, Reality, Wychwood Abbot, Young Lover.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.49.
Win, $10.50. Forecast (4-5) Div. $68.70.
Place, 1st $7.40; 2nd $9.20.
Double Event 10/11 (5-4) Dv. $68.20.

12—500 yd. flat.—1, Whirlwind; 2, Cross Bow.
Also ran:—Drifting Snow, Our Fortune, Frontier Guard, Shanghai Mist.
1½ length.—Time, 30.51.
Win, $24.10. Forecast (2-3) Div. $76.80.
Place, 1st $9.30; 2nd $6.70.
Double Event 11/12 (4-2) Div $32.30.

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Mary Wins Seekingjao "A" Class Contest

McCutcheon on Top in "B" Golf Category

In the February monthly competition of the Shanghai Golf Club at Seekingjao, it was G. J. Mary who won top honours in the "A" Class contest over eighteen holes, there being 31 entries in the event.

Top honours in the "B" Class contest went to W. R. McCutcheon by a wide margin, his handicap of 15 taking his nett score down to 66. Following were the results.

"A" CLASS
31 ENTRIES

G. J. Mary	81	10	71
A. Pratt	82	8	74
J. A. Blackwood	89	10	79

"B" CLASS
42 ENTRIES

W. R. McCutcheon	81	15	66
A. L. Piper	98	24	74
J. Stevenson	93	18	75
J. A. Tibble	99	22	77
E. F. Hartnett	99	18	81
H. Cizek	103	22	81

Hongkong Races

Hongkong, March 1.

The result of the fourth day's races in the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual meeting were:—

LEIGHTON HILL STAKES, 6 Furlongs
Cocao's King Kong (S. C. Liang) 1
T. and E.'s Bressay (Hearne) 2
H. Leigh's Guinness Time (Pote-Hunt) 3
Time:—1.30⅘.

GRAND STAND STAKES, 6 Furlongs
Eu Tong Sen's Blue Express (C. Encarnacao) 1
V. M. Grayburn's Avon (Hearne) .. 2
L. Dunbar's Galveston Bay (P. Y. T. Wei) 3
Time:—1.28.

LADIES' PURSE, 7 Furlongs 49 Yards
Mrs. Dunbar's Red Feather (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Lan's Moonlight View (H. C. Pih) .. 2
Lan's Humdrum Eve (T. L. Wong) .. 3
Time:—1.45⅘.

ADELAIDE STAKES, 1 Mile 171 Yards
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips (Black) 1
Fatshan's Able Amazon (Marshall) .. 2
Commodity's Snowy River (Hearne) 3
Time:—1.57⅘.

JOCKEY CUP, 1 Mile
Braes's Sylvandale (Coppin) 1
Hoping's Flybynight (Ho Heng Ping) 2
H.B.L. Cowbiggin's Ebony Idol (Treverton) 3
Time:—2.05⅘.

BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE, 1¼ Mile
Seth's Laffat That (Davis) 1
Lady Northcote's Devonian (Hearne) 2
Why's National Victory (Chanson) .. 3
Time:—2.20.

HAILAR STAKES, 1 Mile
Hollandia's Oranje Boven (Encarnacao) 1
John Peel's Milleaye (Needa) 2
L.W.F.'s Phoenix (F. F. Li) 3
Time:—2.04⅘.

CHAMPION STAKES, 1¼ Mile
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Elect (Encarnacao) 1
Eu Tong Sen's Desert Chief (Poy) .. 2
Dynasty's King's Warden (Marshall) 3
Time:—2.24.

SPORTS CLUB CUP & HONGKONG STAKES, 1½ Mile
S.L.K.'s Celtic Star (Marshall) ..D.H. 1
Anharry's Marksman (T. L. Wong)D.H. 1
M.A.H.'s February Fourth (S. C. Liang) 2
Time:—3.26¼.

GRIFFINS CONSOLATION STAKES, 1 Mile
Eve's Eve of Harvest (Marshall) 1
Marber's Lilliber (Black) 2
Lan's Peaceful View (H. C. Pih) 3
Time:—1.59¾.

NORTHERN STAKES, 1 Mile
Why's Bistre (Chanson) 1
Mrs. Seth's Dekko (Hearne) 2
C.N.K.'s Desert Star (Needa) 3
Time:—2.05⅘.

CONSOLATION STAKES, 1 Mile
Lan's Honeymoon Eve (T. L. Wong) 1
L. Po Chun's Just In Time (Pote-Hunt) 2
Time:—2.00⅘.—Reuter.

M.C.C. Defeats Natal By Nine Wickets

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Pietermaritizburg, Feb. 28.

The M.C.C. had beaten Natal by nine wickets at the conclusion of their match here today.

Natal hit up 219, (Wright six for 55), and the M.C.C. accounted for 110 for one wicket.

Hutton made 53 not out, and Edrich 45 not out.—Reuter.

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Sports Meeting For Northern Capital

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Peking, Mar. 1.

Participating in the "New Order Week" scheduled to begin on Friday, the Hsin Min Hui Society will sponsor an "All North China Sport Meet" here, it was announced here today.

North China youths will compete in football and basketball contests and marathon races, while women will also find a place in the Meet as contenders in a basketball game.

Banners and cups will be awarded to the victors by Gen. Gen Sugiyama, Commander in Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to North China; Mr. Wang Ko-min, Chairman of the Executive Yuan, and Mr. Tang Erh-ho, Minister of Education in the Provisional Government.

Hopes were expressed by the sponsors that the Meet will be made an annual event, and ultimately expanded into a Japan-Manchoukuo-China Olympiad.—Domei.

Melbourne Cricket Club Has New Secretary

Ransford Appointed; Some Question About Bradman

Melbourne, Mar. 1.

V. E. Ransford, the former Test player, has been officially appointed secretary of the Melbourne Cricket Club, one of the most important cricket posts in Australia.

The announcement created some comment in Australian cricket circles, because it had been stated previously that Don Bradman had been an applicant for the post, which carries with it a salary of £1,000 a year.

Bradman himself neither confirmed nor denied his candidature, though it was later reported that he had asked for a salary of £1,500 if he were appointed. This was denied by Bradman.

The new secretary, who played for Victoria, made his first Test appearance against England at Sydney in 1907. In 1909 he toured England under M. A. Noble and headed the Australian averages with 58.83 in the ensuing Test. His highest Test score was in the second Test at Lord's when he scored 143 not out.—Reuter.

Extraordinary Lapse

London, Feb. 28.

A sensation marked the close of the Eastern Area bantamweight championship contest at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Mr. C. H. Douglas, the referee, awarded his decision to Doug Bygrave at the end of the fourteenth round of his fight with Charlie White.

Officials hastily corrected the referee, who allowed the contest to continue for another round (the official title limit) before again awarding the title to Bygrave.—Reuter.

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Football Players Not To Strike Suddenly

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 1.

Footballers will not strike this season, and no precipitate action will be taken without clubs being given a chance of hearing what their players want.

Certain resolution passed at a meeting of representatives of football players, which was held last night, will go before a full meeting of delagates, which is expected to be held in Manchester on March 13.

Mr. W. C. Cuff, acting President of the Football League, has said that consideration to demands by footballers will be given, provided they are made in a constitutional manner.—Reuter.

U.S. Hockey Results

New York, Feb. 28.

The New York Americans and Toronto played to a 1-1 deadlock here tonight in one of the hardest fought hockey games seen here this season. The Boston Bruins meanwhile upset Les Canadiens 6 to 2.—United Press.

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H.M.S. Bee Sold for Breaking Up

Local Firm Buys Former Yangtze Flagship; Fine Record of Service

H.M.S. Bee, affectionately known to past and present officers and men of the Royal Navy as "The Grand Old Lady of the Yangtze," will shortly be no more. Offered for sale after being decommissioned in December, the former Yangtze flagship has been purchased by Messrs. Eisler, Reeves & Murphy, marine engineers of 51 Canton Road, and she will be broken up in the immediate future.

Thus ends the career of one of the most famous of those British gunboats which have ploughed up and down the Yangtze River for many years. Known in every port along the river, the Bee was a familiar figure everywhere and her end will cause a certain amount of sadness in many circles for she had become almost an institution at all points on the river down to Shanghai.

The second of her name, the Bee was built by the Ailsa Company during the Great War. Completed in 1916 she left Troon on March 22 of that year for Milford Haven and, later, for service in the Mediterranean. Here she was employed on Suez Canal service until May 1917 and in June of that year she was sent to Mesopotamia for service on the River Tigris.

Distinguished Officers

In January 1918 she left for the Far East, arriving at the China Station in April, having made the voyage from Muscat to Hongkong in three months. Arriving at Shanghai in the same month, H.M.S. Bee commenced her twenty years' service up and down the Yangtze from that date.

During his period of service in China the Duke of Kent, as Prince George, served on the Bee and from May to October 1921 she was converted into a flagship, since when many distinguished officers have graced her decks.

The Yangtze career of the Bee has provided plenty of action for those serving aboard her and many times her guns have fired salvoes, not all of them being during her regular practices. From 1930 to 1932, during which time the Bee spent most of her time in the Middle and Siang Rivers she opened fire on many occasions on Communists, who peppered the vessel from the banks of the river at a time when they were creating plenty of trouble in these areas.

Ladybird Incident

During the recent hostilities the Bee arrived at Wuhu twenty minutes after the now-famous Ladybird incident and although one shell was fired at the ship (fortunately it missed its objective) the Bee was saved from a similar fate to the Ladybird by the prompt action of Capt. G. E. M. O'Donnell and Lieut.-Col. Lovat Fraser, who at great personal risk ran towards the Japanese batteries and ordered them to cease firing. On the following morning the Bee carried out rescue work at the scene where the U.S.S. Panay had been sunk.

Unlike other ships of the Royal Navy which have been sold to private shipping companies to be used in trade the Admiralty decided that the Bee, should not ply along her old haunts again without the White Ensign at her masthead, and today she lies at Pootung waiting the first onslaught of the army of shipbreakers who will dismantle her completely.

Holland Unafraid of Japanese

Indies Fleet to Be Made Stronger If Necessary

The Hague, Feb. 28.

The Netherlands Government do not fear Japanese aggression because for centuries, good relations have existed between the two countries, the Colonial Minister, Dr. J. I. M. Wetter, stated in the Lower Chamber today He pointed out, "There are no reasons for the creation of an atmosphere of anxiety."—Havas.

The Hague, Feb. 28.

Dr. Wetter, the Colonial Minister, today declared in the Lower Chamber that the Netherlands Government was reckoning on the necessity of a further increase in the East Indies Fleet. Plans, he declared, were ready if the international situation deteriorated.—Reuter.

Many Casualties in January Fires

19 Killed, 33 Injured In Month's Outbreaks

Casualties were high in fires which broke out in the Settlement during January, according to the report of the Chief Officer. The total number of civilian lives lost was 19 and 33 civilians and members of the Fire Brigade staff were injured.

During January, 93 calls were received by the Brigade and 695 emergency ambulance calls whereby 727 patients were conveyed to various hospitals.

Salvation Army Annual Appeal

The fund of the Salvation Army yesterday was nearing the $56,000 mark, it was announced by the commanding officer, Brigadier B. Morris. The total yesterday was $55,708, and with donations coming in steadily.

Donations are being accepted at the Army's Regional Headquarters, 422 North Soochow Road.

The new list follows:

Previously Acknowledged	$55,303.32
James H. Lee	50.00
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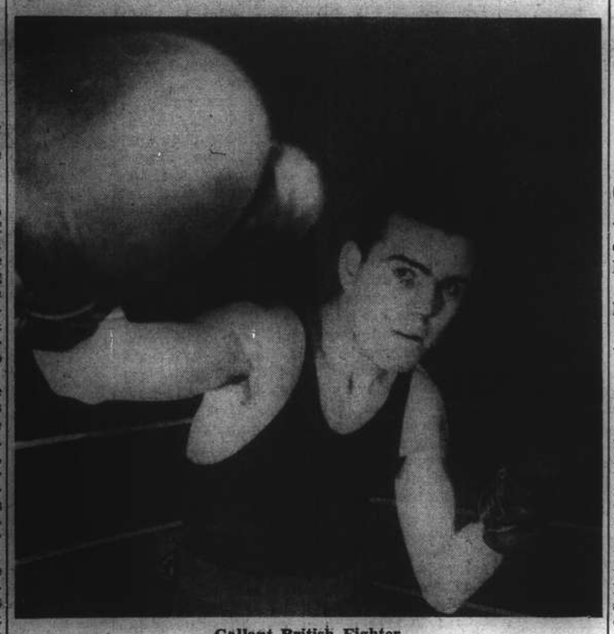
Total	$55,708.32



Gallant British Fighter

A recent picture of Arthur Danahar, the National Sporting Club's protege, who put up such a magnificent battle against Eric Boon for the British lightweight championship. After outboxing Boon for seven rounds, Danahar caught a hard blow to the jaw and thereafter was knocked down eight times but kept courageously at it until the fourteenth round when the referee stopped the bout awarding a T.K.O. decision to Boon. Danahar has now challenged Boon to a return bout.

Europe's Boiling Point?

Aland Isles Defenceless, but of Strategical Importance; May Soon Be in the News

ONE of these days, while Europe is hotly discussing the apparently larger issues of Tunis, Corsica, the Jibuti railway and Memel, something may happen suddenly in the Baltic, says Claud Golding in the "Evening Standard." Twenty-five miles from the coast of Sweden and fifteen miles from Finland are the Aland Islands, defenceless, unfortified, but of vital strategical importance to the countries with a Baltic coastline.

During the crisis of last September the military forces of Russia, Germany, Sweden and Finland were ready to pounce on this archipelago. Russia was anxious to safeguard her exit from the Gulf of Finland, Germany to prevent her doing so, and Sweden and Finland were prepared to act in accord to save the islands for themselves.

A League of Nations ruling of 1921 gave autonomy to the inhabitants of the islands under the sovereignty of Finland. It was agreed—and the Central European states were signatories to the memorandum—that the islands should remain neutral and demilitarized. But since then much has happened in Europe and the craze for the revision of treaties has extended to the Aland Islands.

Finland and Sweden are the countries principally interested in their fate, but Russia and Germany are concerned in another way. Conferences are at present taking place between Finland and Sweden on the defences of the islands. One proposal is the revision of the islands' Autonomy Law exempting the inhabitants from military service. To achieve this it is necessary to obtain a revision of the 1921 convention. Some of the ten signatories to that convention, including France and Britain, have been told of the plan.

Vigorous Opposition

But the Alanders themselves are vigorously opposing the scheme, and there is much excitement on the islands. The Aland Diet has declared in favour of the maintenance of neutrality and demilitarization which they declare safeguard "the general peace of North Europe, and protect the welfare of the Aland population."

Before the crisis of September, Hr. Sandler, the Swedish Foreign minister, stated significantly: "The strongest words may be used to condemn the spirit of an age which has weakened the value of conventions and international guarantees. But the world as it is today must be faced, and I am convinced it is better to mount a gun on the foundations of justice and right than to allow forces of violence to proceed unopposed."

The implication that some European Power or Powers have their eyes on the Aland Islands is obvious in the Minister's statement.

The attitude of Finland and Sweden on the fortification question is clearly defined. They argue that the neutrality of the islands must be safeguarded by the provision of defences. They believe that there can be no objection to such measures unless the objector intends to approach the Aland Islands on an unlawful errand.

At the same time, it is of paramount importance to both shores of the Baltic that Aland, a key position, should under no conditions find herself in the hands of a Great Power in case of war in the Baltic. Thus it is that the two governments, Sweden and Finland, who were at loggerheads on the question of the Alands soon after the Great War, are now content to take joint action.

There is a long history of dispute over this archipelago. There are about 300 islands, 80 of which are inhabited mostly by Swedes—descendants of the Swedish vikings who settled there a thousand years ago. They formerly belonged to Sweden, and it was near by that Peter the Great of Russia gained the first victory over the Swedes in 1714.

Fortifications Destroyed

By the Treaty of Fredrikshaven in 1809 Russia took possession of the islands, together with the territories which formed the grand duchy of Finland on the mainland. The Swedes tried unsuccessfully to obtain a provision that the islands should not be fortified. But in 1854, when Britain was at war with Russia, the subject cropped up again.

Declaring that Aland was vital for British trade, an Anglo-French squadron destroyed the fortifications. In 1856, however, the Aland Convention was signed by Britain, France and Russia, in which it was stipulated that "the Aland Islands shall not be fortified, and that no military or naval establishments shall be maintained or created on them."

In 1906 it was said that Russia was massing troops on the islands under the pretext of stopping the smuggling of arms into Finland. In 1907 and 1908 the Aland Islands were once more an issue in connection with new North Sea agreements. Russia wanted to fortify them, but she was told categorically by the other Powers that they were not inclined to discuss the matter.

The islands belonged nominally to Finland until 1917 when that country declared her independence of Russia. The Alanders claimed the right of self-determination. Plebiscites were held and the inhabitants declared for reunion with Sweden.

Finland gave them autonomy in May, 1920, but refused to agree to their secession. A month later the leaders of the movement for secession were arrested for high treason and Finnish troops occupied the islands.

First League Case

The trouble was brought before the League of Nations in June, 1920. A commission was appointed to inquire into the matter on the spot. It reported against the claim of the islanders to secede from Finland and declared that they were undoubtedly politically a part of Finland.

Proposals were made for the protection of the Swedish population, and the Diet of Finland granted self-government to the Aland Islands, allowing them a legislative Diet and Swedish as official language. The question of the Aland Islands was the first international case dealt with by the League of Nations. The Geneva convention for the neutralization of the Aland Islands was signed by Great Britain, France, Italy and seven nations of the Baltic coasts.

No doubt Sweden was surprised by the League decision. It was expected that Geneva, dominated by the Allied Powers, would have little sympathy for Finland, where during the war terrorism by Bolshevists was suppressed with the help of German troops. The islands were given to Finland, contrary to the wish of the population, because Finland made a better offer to Britain than did Sweden in regard to British interests in the Baltic.

Germany's interest in the islands is induced by a desire to protect the export of iron ore to her ports from Sweden. An enemy force in occupation of Aland would effectively stop these consignments. On the other hand, Germany must be receiving the idea of fortification with mixed feelings. There is a strong pro-Fascist section in Finland which might grow into a formidable force willing to hand over the Alands and their fortifications lock, stock and barrel.

But, assuming that Finland decided on alliance with the Scandinavian states to the exclusion of Germany, a demilitarized Aland would be preferable.

I prophesy that Aland will soon be in the news.

Blood-Soaked Soil Made Into Vases

Japanese Craftsman Makes Gifts for Tokyo Shrine

Kobe, Mar. 1.

Made of the blood-soaked soil gathered from the China battlefields, a pair of large porcelain flower vases will soon be presented to the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, where the spirits of the Japanese war-dead are enshrined.

Mr. Senjo Ogura, ceramics craftsman of Akashi, gathered the soil, soaked with the blood of Japanese soldiers who died in action on the battlefields, on a recent visit to the war areas. He completed the two vases yesterday and will donate them to the Yasukuni Shrine through the Tokyo Prefectural Government soon.

Symbolic of the Japanese national spirit, Mt. Fuji is depicted on one vase, while cherry blossoms, the traditional emblem of Japanese chivalry, are painted on the other.—Domei.

Hongkew to Have New Market Soon

Standardization of commodity prices in Hongkew is expected to be aided by the opening of a new market on North Szechuen Road on which construction began on February 23, the Shanghai Mainichi reported yesterday.

Named the Shanghai Market, the new emporium will supply fresh vegetables from Kiangwan, Pootung, and the western district, while fish will be obtained under special arrangement with the Central China Fisheries Company, the daily stated.

Tale of a Large Ruby

Treasured Gem Bequeathed by Elderly Man to His Faithful Nurse; Honesty the Best Policy

By Theophilus

OLD Mr. Nugent sat in the warm sunshine, a rug over his thin knees. He had been an invalid for many years, but the sand was running out for him, and he knew it. He raised his tired eyes to the beautiful house which was his home, and which stood like a tranquil flower amidst the spreading lawns.

Mr. Nugent loved it all: but beautiful things meant little to him now. His attention was turned inward to other matters and his eyes dropped to his wasted hands that lay before him on the rug.

Absently he turned the ring on his finger, and the magnificent ruby in it flared at him in the sunshine. Mechanically he raised it a little to make a flicker amidst the slumbering fires that smouldered eternally within the heart of the gem. "I shall give it to Mrs. Robinson," he thought: and then he closed his eyes and lay back in his wheel chair too tired to look at anything more. Half an hour later Mrs. Robinson came out to him. "I think you had better come in now Mr. Nugent," she said kindly. "There are clouds coming up, and it may turn chilly."

Nothing Adequate Done

The old man took her hand and pressed it gently. For twenty years now Mrs. Robinson had nursed him with the same tender consideration. She had devoted her life to him he reflected. The best years of it had been given to him, and what had he done for her? He sighed. Doubtless she had had a good safe job, and all that, but she was growing old, and what had he done? What could he do? The house was entailed. His money went with it naturally to his cousin, less of course a small legacy here and there. But nothing adequate had been done for Mrs. Robinson, and his heart smote him when he recalled all the years of her devotion.

"Wait a moment," he replied, opening his eyes and looking round him. "Perhaps I shall not see the garden again. It is very beautiful."

"Oh come. You must not talk like that Mr. Nugent."

That evening they found him dead in his chair near the hall fire, and he had left a note on the table beside him. "I leave my ruby ring to Mrs. Robinson as a token of my gratitude for her life-long devotion."

David Robinson was speeding to London as fast as the train could carry him. Things had not been going very well of late. The settlement of Mr. Nugent's affairs had taken rather longer than anyone had anticipated. Mrs. Robinson (David's mother) had not conserved her resources as well as she should have done. She had never been very clever in her own money matters, David reflected, and she had certainly not feathered her nest while in Mr. Nugent's employment, as she well might have done. Since his death she had been ill. There had been doctor's bills and one thing and another so that now, when at last the ring had been handed over to her, it was urgently necessary to sell it. Young Mr. Nugent who had succeeded the old man said he believed the ruby was valuable and that his cousin had paid a big figure for it. Now it remained to be seen how much could be realized on it.

The Ruby For Sale

David was conscious that he was trembling slightly as he entered Balanska's in Bond Street, and asked to see the manager. There was not much difficulty in obtaining an interview. He waited a few mintues in the splendid lobby. The chairs and sofas were leather covered, and the carpets on the floor had a deep pile so that one moved quite noiselessly. Presently he was called, and ushered into the office of the manager, and briefly stated his business. "And this," he concluded, "is the ruby left to my mother and which she is anxious to sell." He opened his wallet, took the ring from its tissue paper, and laid it on the table.

The manager was an elderly man who, as David had heard, was an acknowledged authority on gems. What David had not realized till now was that the old fellow was a lover of gems as well as an authority. After a searching glance he treated the stone almost with reverence. He pulled out his spectacles: flicked on several small electric lamps which threw strong beams of light; and finally brought a magnifying glass to bear.

For a long time he gazed intently into the heart of the ruby noting its exquisite colour and its flaming response to every movement of light. At length he pushed it away from him. "A very magnificent stone," he said. "Do you know anything about rubies young man?"

"No sir," said David honestly.

"Well, provided the colour is correct, as in this case, large rubies are very rare. You never find rubies go as large as sapphires sometimes do—I mean of course a flawless ruby like this. The value of rubies always advances with their size. There is no known exception to that rule. I am commissioned by an heiress to buy a 24-carat ruby for £30,000, or indeed any price. And I am afraid the young lady will never get it. Does such a stone exist?"

And the old man seemed to go off on a train of thought leading to the great ruby mines of the world in Ceylon and Burma. "I wonder." And he turned slowly to David's stone. "Of course this stone is set, and I shall have to have it taken out for measurement. We will take it down to the shop. I will tell you then what we can offer. If it is sixteen carats as I suspect we should be prepared to give you something in the neighbourhood of £10,000. We will see." And he rang the bell.

They went downstairs into the shop to strip and weigh the ruby. "Just slightly over sixteen carats" said the old man. "Marvellous. Quite outstanding. Well, shall we say £10,500."

David felt quite giddy. Through his mind flashed the anxious speculations of himself and his mother. They had wondered if the gem could possibly be worth £50: and here was a cool 10,000 chucked in. Had Mr. Nugent realized its value? David remembered too his mother's parting exhortation—"Now be sure David not to accept the first offer. Be very careful dear, and show it to at least two or three firms."

"Thank you," said David with a slight tremble in his voice. "I will let you know about it as soon as possible."

"Ah," laughed the old man. "Going to show it to someone else first, eh?" And then noting David's expression he added: "Well boy, but that is only prudent. But no one will offer you better than that. It is a fair price, and I am an authority. Of course we shall make a tidy profit too if we buy the stone. That is understood. That is what we are here for. But look here, will you promise me first refusal of that ruby at £10,500?"

"Certainly sir, you shall have first refusal," replied David, and he was shown out, and in half an hour was climbing to the fourth floor of the rather delapidated building occupied by Rankens and a number of other wholesale firms.

Another Atmosphere

At Ranken's David was aware of quite another atmosphere. He knew that he was scrutinized before the door was opened to him, he noted that he was passed swiftly through two or three heavy doors which were well and truly closed behind him. Here there was no carpet on the floor, no leather on the severely simple furniture: and yet this was one of the greatest gem dealing firms in the world. Probably he did not realize the true magnitude of the business handled by Rankens, nor could he have pictured in his wildest dreams the treasure stored in their grim and forbidding safes.

But all the same, this austere simplicity impressed David. Here was stark business, and he was not so wildly ignorant now of what to expect as when he visited Bond Street with all its poshness. He wrote his name on a card, and was presently shown into the manager's office. Here again the manager was an elderly man, but he had a youngish, smiling face: and it was not long before they got down to business. The stone was subject to the same scrutiny, and was treated with the same respect, though it was not handled exactly with affection as in Bond Street.

No immediate offer was made, but the manager having satisfied himself rang a bell. "Please ask Mr. Marcus to come here," said he to the boy who answered his summons. Presently Mr. Marcus strolled in, a pleasant looking fellow who offered David a cigarette. "Come along," he said as soon as he had understood the matter in hand: and he led the way into a laboratory at the back of the office where the ruby was placed under a microscope. An intense white light was turned on to it.

For several minutes Mr. Marcus gazed into the stone. Then he spoke confidentially with the manager in a corner. Then the manager gazed into the microscope, and blew his nose.

"It is synthetic," he said addressing David.

"What do you mean?" said David with a great feat at his heart. "Do you mean it is not real?"

"Real enough," said Mr. Marcus. "But synthetic. Artificially built up you know of real ruby dust."

David did not know. "What is it worth?"

"Can't say. We don't deal in synthetic stones of course. But possibly you might get five or ten pounds for it, as a curio you know. It certainly is the finest fake I ever saw, and it almost deceived me. It is beautifully made, and I can understand now why the ruby trade has been so nearly ruined by the competition of synthetic stones. As clever a copy as this is really a work of art: but not worth more than five or ten quid you understand. Sorry if it is a disappointment to you."

Return to Balanska's

It was late that afternoon before David again approached Bond Street. The lights were shining brilliantly. The gems were sparkling in the windows and show cases at Balanska's as he passed through the shop. He was swiftly shown to the manager's office, and the old man rose joyfully to greet him. "I knew we should see you again. Well, do you accept our offer?" Then peering iinto David's face "Good Heavens boy, you have not sold it have you?"

"No," said David. "I have not sold it."

"Well then?"

David has no clear recollection of the surge of thoughts that drowned his brain. He thought of his Mother. He thought of the dreams they had dreamed, of the air castles they had built. He thought of old, kindly Mr. Nugent, and of his mother's life-long devotion to him. He saw the old gem-lover before him, and the winking, wicked ruby that he had laid on a white cushion. No one before had ever discovered its fraudulent secret. Probably no one would ever penetrate it again.

"Well then?" repeated the old man urgently. "Well then boy? Our offer stands."

For a space all the devils in hell seemed to struggle with David. He saw vast sums of money spread before him. He felt the power of comparative wealth. He saw too his Mother's face, so honest and homely: and she seemed to look deep into his very soul.

"It is synthetic," he said hoarsely.

"What?" shouted the old man, switching on his lamp. "Synthetic? No never."

"Yes it is," said David, and he buried his face in his arm on the table.

"Poor boy. Poor boy," said the old man patting him kindly on the shoulder. "We must see what we can do. But a clean heart is worth £10,000. Perhaps you will understand that some day."

Rangoon-Chungking Air Service Premature

Rangoon, Feb. 28.

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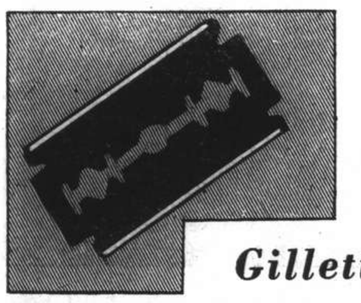

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BIRTHS

SULLIVAN.—On Monday, February 27, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. I. G. SULLIVAN, a daughter, still-born. -2391

McGREGOR.—On March 1, 1939, at Weybridge, to PAMELA, (née Brooke), wife of Paymaster Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. McGregor, M.C., a son.

DEATH

HALPERN.—On February 26, 1939, General-stabsarzt Dr. SIMON HALPERN. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Rosalie Halpern, of Vienna; his daughter, Dr. Fanny G. Halpern, and son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. George Halpern, of Shanghai.—Deeply mourned by his loving family. -2409

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

CHUNGKING'S DUTY

Now that the situation concerning the Japanese demands on the Shanghai Municipal Council has been clarified by the exclusive message to the "North-China Daily News" from its correspondent in Tokyo, it appears that the situation was not so bad as, in the absence of information, it was generally feared it would be. In this connection it may not be out of place to refer to the atmosphere created in Japan, by what appears to have been a complete misunderstanding of the case. While the Japanese have undoubtedly had in mind the various murders which have taken place of men who have sought to establish some sort of government in the areas occupied by the Japanese, the culminating case which so deeply affected opinion in Japan was that of the killing of Mr. Chen Lu, Foreign Minister to the Nanking Government. Not only in the Japanese press, but also in the Diet itself was the statement frequently made that this particular murder was perpetrated within the confines of the International Settlement. Thus on February 21, Mr. Tanizo Koyama in the course of an interpellation said in part:—

> In the name of the people, the House of Representatives expresses the deepest condolences over the murder of Mr. Chen Lu, foreign affairs director of the Nanking Renovation Government in the Shanghai International Settlement on Sunday.....We cannot pass over lightly this dastardly murder in the very heart of the International Settlement.

Nowhere does it appear that, in the course of the various replies given on behalf of the Government, this wrong impression was corrected, for it is a well-known fact that far from this murder having been committed in the heart of the Settlement, it was perpetrated in a house off an alley in territory controlled by the City Government of Greater Shanghai. That very serious misconception of the facts of this particular case, which undoubtedly precipitated Japanese agitation, appears to have been responsible for much of the "shouting and tumult" of the last few days, but it is also to be assumed that official realization of the real truth ultimately brought about moderation of the Japanese attitude.

On the question of any campaign of terrorism being carried on within the foreign areas as bases there cannot be the slightest difference of opinion amongst right-thinking people. It ought to be stopped. It should be put to an end by orders of the Chinese Government, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would be doing himself, and his fellow nationals at present in the shelter of the International Settlement, and the French Concession a great service if he were to issue an order condemning what has already happened, and ordering the discontinuance of any further assassination campaign. The leading article appearing in the Chinese newspaper, published in Chungking, the "China Times," seeking to defend this campaign of terrorism, and endowing it with all the excellent qualities of patriotism is greatly to be regretted. The campaign, and the article which thus supports it constitutes a most grievous betrayal of the best interests of the foreign inhabitants of the areas in question, and the millions of Chinese who seek refuge within them from the horrors of war. To advance patriotism as a reason for the perpetration of crimes is as cowardly as they are futile, as futile as they are worthless from a military point of view is to seek to hide behind a praiseworthy facade of proceedings which can only be described as vile, and most certainly not in consonance with the dignity with which up to now China has borne her afflictions. As has been pointed out on many previous occasions the taking of temporary office by responsible Chinese for the purpose of passing between the inarticulate masses and the Japanese forces which, when all is said and done, do control substantial areas of China, need not necessarily be an unpatriotic act. It may, as it has proved to be elsewhere in the world, a step indicative of the highest form of patriotism, requiring a sound knowledge of what is right, and high courage to do it. To suggest for one moment that many of these men who have fallen were actuated solely by unworthy motives, is to suggest that they have been stupid enough to hazard their very lives for some personal gain which could never be worth the price they might be called upon to pay.

Leaving that aspect of the case, there is another which is of equal importance. It was a matter of complaint by the Japanese, that, in the Chinese resistance around Shanghai, the fact that one of their wings rested on the foreign areas gave them an unnaturally strong advantage. That is offset by the fact that the Japanese were similarly placed. It was inevitable if the neutrality of the foreign areas were to be maintained. That situation has passed away. The question now arising is as to whether that neutrality which strengthened the positions of both parties over a year ago should now be abandoned in order to permit the Chinese assassins to use the Settlement and the Concession as a base for irregular hostilities against the Japanese and the Chinese who seek to govern under their aegis. It is highly objectionable that the Chinese should seek now by these acts of terrorism to destroy that neutrality of which they were only too willing to avail themselves when it came to the fighting around Shanghai, and if the police of both areas had not done their utmost to prevent this being done,—and there is not the slightest doubt that they have exerted every effort,—they would have been failing in their duty. That they will continue to combat this campaign of terrorism is only to be expected, for it is only in the complete insistence of neutrality that the safety and comfort of the residents of this port can be assured. That was something upon which the Chinese themselves insisted during the early days of the hostilities, and it should be no part of their policy now to seek to destroy it. If indeed they should persist in this evil course, then it might be necessary for the Powers concerned to take a more realistic view of the situation thus created. The inviolability of the foreign areas must be protected at all costs, and if in the past history of the port precedents can be found for putting into effect a more realistic view there should be no surprise if eventually that line of action is adopted. There must be as much protection against the Chinese as against the Japanese which the former have on occasion so strongly demanded. In that and in that alone can proper justice be done to the foreign areas of Shanghai, and in this respect the Chinese Government bears a very real and onerous responsibility.

The Olive Branch?

The debate in the House of Commons on the subject of the British recognition of General Franco's regime in Spain is remarkable for two things. One is the bitter personal attack which was made upon the Prime Minister by Mr. C.R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, and the other is the fact that Mr. Anthony Eden spoke in favour of Mr. Chamberlain's action. Mr. Attlee's outburst was such as to call for a protest from Mr. Chamberlain, and on the face of the reports seems to have been entirely unwarranted, and something in the nature of a departure from the custom of the House. Mr. Eden's support of the Government action is all the more interesting in view of the rumours which have been current during recent weeks that there may be a rapprochement between himself, and the Prime Minister, and that the time may not be far distant when he will be invited again to join the Cabinet. At all times the difference between the two men has not been as to the ends towards which the British Government should work, but the method of procedure. The healing of the breach between the two would reinforce Mr. Chamberlain's position in the event of a General Election being held this year, for Mr. Eden undoubtedly commands a very fair amount of support, especially amongst the younger members of the Government ranks. Were he at variance with the Prime Minister in the event of an appeal to the country, there might be a very considerable split in the votes which should ordinarily be given to the National Government, and a chance offered for the Opposition to make greater headway than would be possible in face of united opponents. If Mr. Eden does return to the Cabinet it is not likely that he would regain the Foreign Office. There are, however, other ministries in which his undoubted ability would be of infinite service to the country, and despite the fact that in some countries he is regarded as a war-monger,—which is entirely incorrect,—his return to office would very considerably strengthen the Government. The only important question which arises from his action on Tuesday was whether or not he was holding out the olive branch.

Picking Up

In spite of difficulties created by war-time conditions, China's economic vigour is shown by the large trade increases in the January import and export figures as recorded by the Customs. During that month, imports totalled $84,500,000 and exports $67,400,000 as compared with the totals for January, 1938, which were imports $59,000,000 and exports $43,000,000. Of course, in view of conditions it is difficult to analyse these figures for a number of reasons, but the conclusion can be drawn that however great has been the shock to the country's economic system those great powers of recovery, traditional to China's commerce are asserting themselves as time and experience provide the opportunity for readjustment. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Hongkong last Saturday, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman, said:

> The general disorganization and dislocation of trade and industry in China during the past year necessitated constant adjustment to keep in line with the changing situation...The Japanese occupied the ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo, Weihaiwei, Amoy and Canton. They advanced up the Yangtze beyond Hankow to Yochow and for varying periods Wenchow, Foochow, Ningpo Swatow and other Southern ports were closed for one reason or another. Shanghai Tientsin and Chinwangtao were the only treaty ports on the China Coast which were not subject either to closure or naval operations at one time or another...Yet the movement of both import and export cargo went on. This was due to the amazing resiliency and tenacity of the Chinese farmers and traders, which enabled them, sometimes with Government help but often without, to find ways and means of moving goods in spite of the adverse conditions with which they were confronted. In fact the volume of some important exports was maintained at a level well up to average years.

Coming from such an authority, this is an encouraging survey for it places in proper perspective those factors which dominate commerce, and if the January figures are any guide a better year is ahead for China.

Good from Evil

It is an ill wind that blows no-one any good! Absurd though it is that a peace-minded people like the British should be forced by the growing war-spirit in other countries to consider defence measures, the position has been fully recognized, and some slight comfort may at any rate be derived from the fact that Air Raid Precaution measures will have a salutary effect on several industries which were in need of stimulation. Towards the end of December the British Government announced that steel shelters for twenty million people would be provided free of charge for erection in their own homes as a protection against splinters and blast during air raids. The first order in this connection for steel sheets and accessories amounting to 120,000 tons has already been placed and will provide 400,000 shelters, each capable of accommodating five persons. Further work will be put in hand as speedily as possible, the steel industry itself organizing the work in such a way that every plant throughout the country capable of production will get its share. Not only will all branches of the steel industry benefit from these orders—some steel rolling mills are indeed already working to full capacity—but employment will also rise considerably in such industries as coal and ore mining and other ancillary occupations. Even the railways, at present under a heavy cloud of depression due to competition from road-borne traffic, will feel the stimulating effect, for they have been charged by the Government with the transport of the steel shelters and their distribution to the individual households.

IN PARENTHESIS

In High Sassiety
IT is said that many footmen and valets really hate butlers. Down on their uppers.

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In a Word
A COSSIPER says that holding hands in a cinema is absurd. Just two silly.

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The Brute
HE was always nagging her about her dress bills. He'd never let bygones be bygones.

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Couple Of "Tuts"
A COSSIPER says you can always tell a lady by the way she dresses. But surely a lady would draw the blinds!

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Attention, "Donald"
ACCORDING to a doctor, swimming is the best of all exercises for developing a good carriage. Consider, for example, the duck.

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Pressed
IT wasn't big enough, it wasn't fast enough, it wasn't silent enough, it wasn't good-looking enough, and I couldn't keep up the payments.

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Noses
MANY a man keeps his nose to the grindstone so that his wife can turn up her nose at the neighbours.

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Maybe
EDISON never slept more than four hours a night. That, one suspects, was after he invented the gramophone.

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Farewells
THE Income-Tax Man's Farewell
"So long. I'll be suing you."
—And the Farewell to the Television Girl
"So long; I'll be B.B.C.-ing you."

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The Winners
A MOUSE can go longer than a camel without a drink, Ripley tells us.
O.K. One hereby hands it to the mouse—and the camel.

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Fair's Fair
HOUSEHOLDER: You're singing carols? Why, my boy, it's long past Christmas.
Small Wait (dolefully): Yessir, I know. But I 'ad measles at Christmas.

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Musings On The News
"AMONG the things that puzzle me," mused Mrs. Thrupperley MacNess—
"Is to read that crinoline frocks are back, while all that I see are backless."

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Live Wires
A WOMAN in Portland, Oregon, has been granted a divorce because her husband talked in his sleep. Newest correspondence course in Portland, Oregon: "How To Talk in Your Sleep. In Six Simple Lessons."

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Surplus Women
ACCORDING to the Minneapolis Shopper's Guide,
A commodity called a bride
Has been overproduced by Kindly Mother Natcher,
Who is always anxious to mate yer
And provide a reasonable choice for us boyce.
The Minneapolis Shopper's Guide says the world has now
A surplus population of three hundred million spinsters who can never hope to be called Mrs., Madame or Frau,
Which suggests that Old Mother Nature either planned polygamy,
Or bigamy,
Proving she is not only old but nasty-minded
Or blinded
To the true conception of goodness and beauty
And duty.
When too much coffee was produced for the world's coffee pot
They burned a lot,
Instead of giving it away
To those who were too poor to drink it every day.
But what can you do with three hundred million surplus women? You can neither give them away nor burn 'em,
Unless it is to learn 'em,
Though learn them what, my dear,
I haven't the slightest idea.
You all know the fate that awaits yer
When you go against Mother Natcher.
She has a nasty habit
Of making a repressed rabbit
Mad
Or bad,
And what she can do to rabbits and other vermin
Is child's play to what she can to unmarried vermin.
She can (and does) make them join societies
To make happy savages conform to the proprieties
Of Upper Tooting
Or Little Footling
Or wherever it is they bickar
For the favour of an unmarried and anæmic vicar.
And when thoroughly annoyed
Mother Nature can go one better than Freud,
Turning an otherwise healthy-minded spinster
Into something sinister.
But, my hat,
We can't go into that,
Can we,
Mrs. Fotheringay-Whimperly?

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	40.0	Max.	55.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	52.0	Max.	75.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	39.9	Max.	58.8
Same date, 1938	Min.	50.7	Max.	75.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 28th:—Normal pressures over China, Korea and Japan. Variable winds over northern China. Northerly to easterly over our regions, the Eastern Sea and Formosa. Overcast to cloudy weather in China.

State on the morning of the 1st:—Moderate anticyclones over north-western China and over Japan. Low area over the Loochoos moving east-north-eastward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine to cloudy weather with variable breezes from the southern quadrant prevailing in north China and over the Yellow Sea, from the north-eastern quadrant prevailing over Central China and our regions. Overcast to cloudy and fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds but abating over the Eastern Sea. Fine with north-easterly breezes around Formosa. Local morning mists along the Coast. The depression to the east of the Loochoos is continuing east-north-eastward.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Parliament Supports Burgos Recognition

Mr. Chamberlain Rebuts Bitter Attacks by Opposition; Censure Motion Lost; Facts of Situation in Spain Explained by Premier

London, Feb. 28.

STATING that if the British Government had withheld recognition from General Franco, it "would not have helped the Republican Government, or the people of Madrid, but would have embittered Britain's relations with the new Government," Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, today vigorously defended the Government's action in a debate in the House of Commons. On the division the Labour motion of censure was defeated by 344 votes to 137.

Mr. Chamberlain was replying to the Labour motion which was moved by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, in a bitter attack upon the Prime Minister. The motion of censure expressed the opinion that:—"The decision of His Majesty's Government to grant unconditional recognition to the Spanish insurgent forces, dependent upon foreign intervention, constitutes a deliberate affront to the legitimate Government of a friendly Power, is a gross breach of international traditions, and marks a further stage in the policy which is steadily destroying in all democratic countries confidence in the good faith of Great Britain."

Mr. Attlee again took the Premier to task for not acquainting the House earlier with the British Government's decision to recognize General Franco. He recalled that Mr. Chamberlain had yesterday objected to being cross-examined on the matter.

Mr. Chamberlain:—"I said 'without notice.'"

Continuing, Mr. Attlee declared that Mr. Chamberlain's attempt to justify his action was "a tissue of half truths, which are worse than lies."

The Prime Minister had tried to make out that that portion of Spain under the control of the Republican Government was "very weak," whereas claimed Mr. Attlee, there was an effective Government in that area, with an effective army of 500,000 men. These, he declared, were not conditions justifying the recognition of General Franco.

Mr. Attlee said that Mr. Chamberlain had done more than any man to show his contempt for international law.

Personal Attack Resented

Mr. Chamberlain, in reply, declared that "it must be a long time since I have listened to such a series of bitter, personal attacks upon a simple individual."

He reminded the House that they were dealing with a subject of "very great importance," and that it did not seem to him that it would be in accordance with their dignity that a discussion on this subject should degenerate into a personal squabble.

They could not be certain of the French attitude, Mr. Chamberlain went on to state, until last Friday. He was perfecly correct in stating that the final decision could not be taken until Friday had passed, and it was, in fact, taken over the week-end.

Dealing with the last part of the Labour motion of censure, namely, that the recognition of General Franco had destroyed confidence in the good faith of Great Britain in all democratic countries, Mr. Chamberlain said that he found difficulty in believing this, seeing that "the great sister democracy, France, takes exactly the same action."

Precedent Cited at Length

Dealing with the Labour Opposition's point that the Government's action was a "gross breach of international tradition," the Prime Minister declared that the action taken by the Government was not, as was thought, the first of its kind. A precedent had already been created.

Mr. Chamberlain then proceeded to quote at length from works on international law, with a view to showing that the present action of the Government was justified in accordance with practice.

"Did General Franco, after the fall of Barcelona, and after he had got possession of Catalonia, put himself in a position which one might call one of reasonable expectancy of permanent superiority, and on the other hand can the Republican Government any longer be considered the legal government of the country?"

The answers to these questions, Mr. Chamberlain claimed, were "pretty plain."

Republican Rule Scattered

"Could the Republican Government command a sufficiency either of munitions or of food to be able to carry on the struggle for any prolonged period, or with a reasonable chance of ultimate success?" Mr. Chamberlain then asked.

As for the Republican Government, he went on to state, nobody could say how much of it remained, or where it was to be found. The President had resigned, and some of the ministers were in France, some in Spain. It was doubted if that government could be considered as a legal power.

"I say that, so far from our action having been a gross breach of international traditions," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "it would have been such a breach if we had refused to recognize General Franco."

Mr. Chamberlain said that, if the Government had withheld recognition from General Franco, it would not have helped the Republican Government, or the people of Madrid. It would have embittered the British Government's relations with the new Government, and destroyed any influence they might have with General Franco.

Nationalist Assurances

Mr. Chamberlain added that General Franco had given the British Government assurances against general reprisals for strictly political offences.

The Premier then read out a message from General Franco, embodying these assurances, and adding: "Spain is not disposed to accept any foreign intervention that might impair her dignity or infringe upon her sovereignty."

Mr. Chamberlain said that members of the other side had spoken with great positiveness and assurance about massacres and murders which, they alleged, were committed by the troops of General Franco, but they had never said anything about similar instances on the other side.

"It would not be reasonable," Mr. Chamberlain stated, "to ask General Franco to grant beforehand a complete amnesty which would include men who were guilty of the most horrible crimes."

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Burgos Welcomes British Move

London, Paris Embassies Handed Over; Washington Envoy Refuses to Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Burgos, Feb. 28.

Sir Robert Hodgson, the British Agent in Burgos, had an extremely cordial interview with General Count Francisco Jordana, the Spanish Nationalist Foreign Minister, today.

General Jordana, it is learned, informed Sir Robert that the Nationalist Government accepted him with pleasure as Chargé d'Affaires, pending the appointment of a British Ambassador. He said that he hoped the Union Jack would shortly appear in Burgos.—Reuter.

Duke of Alba Takes Over

London, Feb. 28.

Delivered by the British Government, the Spanish Embassy here was taken over today by the Nationalist representative, the Duke of Alba and Berwick, who, it was understood, will be proposed to Britain as first Nationalist Ambassador.

Don Pablo de Azcarate, Republican envoy until today, will continue to enjoy diplomatic immunity for three months but will not be recognized as the diplomatic agent of the Republican Government which may appoint an agent here.

The Nationalist diplomat is of British royal blood, being the direct descendant of James Fitz-James, illegitimate son of King James II of England and Arabella Churchill, a commoner. The Duke of Alba's coat of arms is that of Great Britain, surrounded by an ornate border of leopards and lilies.

The Duke also boasts of the longest name in the registers of nobility and Gossip has it that he once talked to sleep a stout Irish policeman who stopped him for a traffic offence and innocently asked, "What's your name?" The Duke answered, "My name is Jacobo-Maria del Pilar-Carlos-Manuel Stuart Fitz-James-Falco, Duke of Alba de Tormes, de Liria y Xerica, de Arjona, de Montoro y de Huescar, conde-duque de Olivares, Marques del Carpio, de Moya, de Osera, de Coria, de Eliche, de la Mota, de San Leonardo, de Sarria, de Tarazona, de Villanueva del Rio, de Villanueva del Fresno, de Barcarrota y de la Algaba, Count de Lemos, de Lerin, de Banos, de Monterrey, de Osorno, de Miranda del Castanar, de Andrade, de Ayala, de Fuentes de Valdepero, de Gelves, de Villalba, de San Esteban de Gormaz, de Fuentiduena, de Casarrubios del Monte, de Galve y de Siruela."—Havas.

U.S. Embassy Retained

Washington, Feb. 28.

Senor Fernando de los Rios, Republican envoy here, stated today that he did not intend to resign so long as the American Government did not recognize Burgos.

Diplomatic quarters meanwhile envisaged three possible lines of action in the near future.—Havas.

Paris Embassy Taken

Paris, Feb. 28.

Senor Quinones de Leon, Spanish Ambassador here in the time of the monarchy, today took possession of the Spanish Embassy, which was handed over by the French authorities following its vacation by Senor Marcelino Martinez y Pascua, Republican envoy. The Nationalist flag was hoisted to the cheers of a throng gathered in the street outside.—Havas.

Yugoslav Recognition

Burgos, Feb. 28.

Yugoslavia and Paraguay are the two latest nations to have decided to accord official recognition to the Nationalist Spanish Government, it was announced here today.—Havas.

Canada to Note Burgos

Ottawa, Mar. 1.

The Canadian Government will shortly recognize Nationalist Spain, the paper, "Le Droit," announced here today. The Canadian Government, the paper added, will act as they did in recognizing the Italian conquest of Ethiopia, that is basing their decision on that of the British Government.

Although as a Dominion, Canada is free to adopt any policy she likes, it is known that the Premier, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie-King, is in favour of the foreign policy adopted by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister.—Havas.

Financial Conference In Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 1.

A second financial conference, under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance, is opening today in Chungking.

The conference, comprising delegates from branches of various banks and also various local banks and financial institutions, was called by the Ministry for the purpose of improving local finances, thereby strengthening Chinese resistance.

The first financial conference took place in Hankow on June 1, 1938.—Reuter.

Four Bombs Thrown By Terrorists

Police Cordon Off Area Around Nanking Road

The "Blood and Spirit Extermination Corps" declared war on those Chinese who indulge in dancing and other amusements, whilst the nation is at war, by throwing four home-made bombs in the vicinity of Chinese amusement resorts and cabarets, within 40 minutes, between 9.45 and 10.25 p.m., last night. Notwithstanding the fact that three of the four missiles were thrown in the heart of the city, two near the Wing On Department Store and one near the Sun Sun Co. at the corner of Yu Ya Ching and Nanking Road, only a rickshaw coolie suffered minor injuries in the legs, and is now being detained in hospital. Material damage was not considerable, merely resulting in the smashing of a window-pane at the Ching-Mei Restaurant on Ying Wha Kai, West of the Wing On Co.'s building, whilst another bomb, presumably thrown from the Wing On building itself, landed on a veranda on the first floor of the Sincere Co.'s Departments Store, where the rear part of a Neon Light sign was slightly damaged.

Another of the cigarette-tin type missiles was thrown in front of Ciro's Night Club on Bubbling Well Road, and slightly damaged the bill-board East of the entrance nearest to the city. The patrons of the establishments did not even realize that anything unusual had happened outside, until they were informed of the bomb throwing by the servants.

Handbills Thrown

Indications as to the origin of the bombs, came with the hand-bills which were thrown together with the missile in Ying Hwa Kai and which, signed by the "Blood and Spirit Traitor Extermination Corps," indicated that bombs would be thrown into ball-rooms if he Chinese seeking amusement there would not desist from squandering their money when China was at war.

The Police precautions enforced recently passed their acid test during the bombings last night, for barely a few minutes after the first bomb had been thrown, the Reserve Unit arrived on the scene, and, after closing off the district, commenced a thorough search of the Wing On and Sincere roof-gardens, with a view of finding a possible clue which would identify the bomb-throwers. Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of the S.M.P., personally directed all operations, being assisted by Mr. H. D. M. Robertson, Assistant Commissioner, and Superintendent J. Mason as well as a large number of foreign and Chinese detectives from Louza and Sinza stations.

Japanese Arrive

In a comparatively short time also, a number of plain-clothes officers of the Japanese Military police arrived on the scene but left soon afterwards.

Detectives from Louza station are investigationg the incidents and the opinion was prevalent early this morning, that a few youngsters with ultra patriotic minds may have been responsible for this series of bombings, which appeared to be well timed and carried out at strategic places inasmuch as that at all four points, a number of Chinese cabarets are located.

"Give Us Your Sons": Marshal Goering

Importance of German Air Force Emphasized

Berlin, Mar. 1.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, Minister of Air and Reich Conservator of Forests, in speaking today on the occasion of Air Force Day, declared that during the past four years they had worked to create the most modern Air Force the nation had ever possessed.

Particularly addressing parents, Field-Marshal Goering stated:

"Give us your sons. If one of your sons has already died, it must have been for the glory of Germany."

After emphasizing that the Anschluss, or the creation of a Greater Germany, would not have been possible without a strong Air Force, he remarked:

"We must not think of resting on our labour; we must work to improve our Air Force in order to maintain our start on other nations."

He was glad to say that youth was responding to the appeal, for it was necessary for the Air Force to have young people.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Japanese Officials Call on S.M.P.

Pictured above are some of the Japanese officials shortly after they left Major K. M. Bourne's office yesterday afternoon, after a three-hour conference with leading settlement police officials. Left to right: Commander Mitsunobu, of the Japanese Navy, Colonel Hirota, of the Special Military Service Section, Mr. Mizota and fifth from the left, Mr. C. Akagi, Deputy Commissioner of the S.M.P. Mr. Saka, Chief of the Japanese Consular Police in Shanghai, is seen between Lieutenant Colonel Takata and Major Hayashi of the Japanese Military Police.

U.S. Isolationists Open Attack On Rearmament Programme

Foreign Policy Alignment with Democracies Attacked; Arms Sales to Reich Recalled

Washington, Feb. 28.

ISOLATIONISTS in the Senate, led by Senator William Borah, Independent Republican of Idaho, and Senator Bennett Champ Clark, Democrat of Missouri, today launched a vigorous attack on President Roosevelt's new foreign policy of aligning the United States firmly behind the world Democracies against totalitarian Governments.

Senator Clark alleged during a Senate debate today that a Congressional munitions investigation four years ago revealed the Administration was opposed to publication of details of the sale of United States plane motors and other aircraft equipment to Germany. He said the Department of Commerce demanded secrecy on grounds that disclosure of the sale would invite reprisals which might disrupt foreign commerce.

Senator Borah told the press that he was vigorously opposed to expansion of the United States Army Air Corps to 6,000 planes as recommended by the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The Senate Committee increased by 500 the number of planes authorized by the original bill approved by the House of Representatives. Senator Borah said the Senate Committee's action was actuated by "bluff and jitterism."—United Press.

European Trickery Alleged

Washington, Feb. 28.

Senator Clark stated that the United States was in "no danger," and he denounced the "hysteria" in which the Bill was drafted. "It has taken just twenty years," Senator Clark went on to state, "for those racketeers over in Europe to drum up another war. Every sort of trickery will be used to inveigle us into it."

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, expressed similar sentiments, and called the Bill "just a lot of bluff, and jitterism." He added that military experts had told him that 3,700 new aeroplanes, which it was proposed to purchase, were "more than the Army can use."

Another development in today's debate was a proposal by twelve Isolationists to revive the Ludlow Amendment to the Neutrality Act, calling for a nationwide referendum before war could be declared.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, Progressive of Madison, Wisconsin, a supporter of this proposal, said that the amendment would be a "final check against the secret diplomacy that might decoy us into a foregin war." He declared that "that was what happened before America entered the Great War."

"Language for Dictators"

Support for the Bill was expressed by Senator Josh Lee, Democrat of Oklahoma, who described it as "the only language dictators can understand."

The question of the purchases of American aeroplanes by France was debated at some length.

Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republican of North Dakota, expressed the belief that the United States should abandon for ever the sale of ammunition abroad.

"How long, just for a little profit, are we going on arming the world—perhaps against ourselves?" he asked. "Japanese planes, which destroyed the Panay, were using American petrol, and their bombs were made from American metal."

Senator William E. Borah, Republican of Idaho, entered the debate with the allegation that the United States had sold war materials to Germany for years, "and had only ceased when the Reich began demanding colonies." He suggested that this was a strange form of neutrality.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, and Senator Josh Lee, defended the sale of planes to France as being "perfectly proper."

"Every plane sold to the democracies," declared Senator Lee, "means one less needed for America. If they had had strength comparable to Germany's, there would have been no Munich, and no destruction of Czechoslovakia."—Reuter.

Duce and Fuehrer May Meet

Count Ciano's Visit To Poland Fails to Obtain Results

London, Mar. 1.

A meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini in North Italy, near the Brenner Pass, is unofficially forecast by Berlin correspondents.

The reason is stated to be the need for a revision of the Axis policy in consequence of recent changes in Europe.

Germany is credited by correspondents with being disappointed at the result of the visit of Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, to Poland, which, apart from a "fine bag when hunting yesterday," are thought in Berlin to have been negligible.

Political circles seem even less concerned over the anti-German demonstrations in Poland than with the belief that Count Ciano "signally failed to secure any sort of assurance from Colonel Joseph Beck (the Polish Foreign Minister) in case of war in which France was involved."

The effect of this circumstance on Italy's Mediterannean policy is held to justify the dictators' conference on general policy.—Reuter.

Balloons in London Support China

"No Silk, No Japanese Goods" Campaign

London, Mar. 1.

Hundreds of balloons carrying messages of support for China, and appealing to the people to use British rayon instead of silk, were released at a meeting in London inaugurating the "no silk, no Japanese goods" campaign.

Viscountess Gladstone, who was presiding, declared that it was no pleasure to wear silk stockings, dresses and ties when "you know that the price you are paying for those things is really the lives of your fellow human beings."

Prizes will be offered for those finding the balloons which travel the furthest. The balloons were released by the well-known actress, Miss Hermione Baddeley.—Reuter.

Conclave for Election of New Pope Begins Behind Sealed Doors

Italian Expected to Succeed Pope Pius XI; Obstruction of Vatican News Alleged

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Vatican City, Mar. 1.

With the arrival of the three American Cardinals early this morning, all the 62 Cardinals are now assembled for the Conclave opening this afternoon.

Escorted by a guard holding lighted torches, the Cardinals will make a tour of inspection to ensure that all points of access to that part of the Vatican reserved for their meeting are really closed. The tolling of a bell will announce that all the doors are locked, and thereafter, until the new Pope is elected, the Cardinals will lose all touch with the outside world. The first ballot will be taken tomorrow morning and afterwards, the Cardinals will meet in the evening. The Conclave will continue until the result of the election of the new Pope is announced.—Reuter.

Italians Most Favoured

Vatican City, Mar. 1.

The new Pope to succeed the late Pope Pius XI was expected to be chosen from among the 35 Italian cardinals here as the Conclave of Cardinals prepared to meet. None of the 27 non-Italian Cardinals is believed to have a chance to poll the necessary two-thirds majority.

The impression in Vatican circles tonight was that the name of the new Pope would be known by Friday and that the Coronation probably would be held on March 12.

The Conclave is expected to complete its work quickly because most of the 62 participating Cardinals have been here for several weeks and have been able to work out most of the preliminary details and political manœuvring in advance.

Some quarters contended tonight that Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Vatican Secretary of State for Pope Pius XI, might cause a surprise by being elected on the first ballot. He is not generally regarded as a favourite final choice.—United Press.

Italians Obstruct News

Paris, Feb. 28.

The Holy See was informed today that the Italian authorities had placed obstacles in the way of journalists seeking to send out information on happenings in the Vatican City.

M. Charles Roux, French Ambassador to the Vatican, submitted this information to the Sacred College, pointing out that it was difficult for foreign newspapermen to secure either telephone or telegraph communication with their newspapers.

Following the expulsion from Rome of M. Guillaume, correspondent of the French "Journal des Debats," the French authorities decided today to deport Signor Monelli, Paris correspondent of the "Corriere della Sera," who was given eight days in which to leave France—Havas.

President Roosevelt on Way Back to Capitol

U.S.S. Houston on Way To Charleston

Miami, Fla., Mar. 1.

According to reports received by the temporary White House offices here, the cruiser U.S.S. Houston, bearing President Roosevelt, is heading for Charleston, North Carolina, where it is to arrive on Friday afternoon.

The President will immediately take a train for Washington where he is to make a speech on Saturday before Congress on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the first United States Congress.

It is understood that the naval units taking part in the present manœuvres are now assembled off Culebra Island, between Porto Rico and St. Thomas.

No details are known as to the results of the manœuvres, except that President Roosevelt conferred on the U.S.S. Houston with several Admirals taking part in the exercises.—Havas.

Japanese Professor Indicted

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

Dr. Eijiro Kawai, former Liberal professor of the economics department of the Imperial University in Tokyo, has been indicted for violation of the press law. Some of his works are held by the authorities as being injurious to public peace and order.—Reuter.

Japanese Officials Call on Police

Three Hour Conference At Police Headquarters; Subject of Talks Unknown

Japanese Consular, Military and Naval officials, called on Mr. K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and conferred with leading police officials until 1.15 p.m. No statement was released either by the police or the Municipal Council with regard to the subject of the three hour conversation, it being presumed however that anti-terrorist measures and the maintenance of peace and order in the western district, were discussed.

Amongst the Japanese officials who attended the meeting were: Colonel Hirota, of the Special Military Service Section, Commander Mitsumobu, of the Special Naval Service Section, Colonel Kanaya, of the Japanese Military Police, Lieutenant-Colonel Takata and Major Hayashi of the Japanese Military Police, Mr. Saka, Chief of the Japanese Consular Police in Shanghai and Mr. Y. Isono, Consul. Amongst the police officials understood to have taken part in the conversations, were Major Bourne, Commissioner, Capt. H. M. Smyth, Mr. G. W. Gilbert and Mr. C. Akagi, Deputy Commissioners.

It could not be learned whether additional conferences would be held in the near future.

Terrorist Figures

During the period between January 1, 1938, and February 22, 1939, the Japanese Embassy spokesman revealed yesterday, 57 terrorist outrages were perpetrated in the Settlement, French Concession and Shanghai environs. Of these 49 were against Chinese, of which 36 occurred in the area patrolled by the S.M.P., five in the French Concession and eight in the outside areas. Eight cases involving attacks on Japanese subjects took place in this period: four in the Settlement and four in outside areas.

Situation Believed Eased

London, Feb. 28.

The British Government considers the situation in Shanghai involving anti-Japanese terrorism in the International Settlement "much easier" following the exchange of notes between the foreign consular authorities and Japanese officials.

Authoritative quarters said the latest tone of Japanese officials toward Third Power consular authorities suggests there will be closer co-operation with the Japanese for the maintenance of public order.—United Press.

Tension Develops in Tientsin

Concessions Being Cut Off by Japanese

London, Mar. 1.

Tension between the Japanese authorities and those of the British and French concessions has developed once more in Tientsin, according to reliable reports received in London today, which compare the strain in the North China port with that recently experienced in Shanghai.

In addition to the erection of live-wire entanglements around both concessions, work on which has been feverishly in progress in the past few days, the Japanese have begun to build an extra bridge across the Pai River and a new road around the concessions.

These projects, it is stated, threaten to cut off and isolate the two concessions entirely.

The Japanese, the reports go on, have a new set of orders ready for issue to all Japanese, and to Chinese with pro-Japanese leanings, to evacuate the concessions at a moment's notice.

The British, French and American authorities in both Tientsin and Shanghai are said to be watching the situation closely.—Reuter.

Civil Service Estimates

London, Mar. 1.

Civil service estimates, published here today, total £440,000,000. This figure includes:

Education	£52,000,000
Police	13,000,000
Old Age Pensions	48,000,000
Ministry Pensions	38,000,000
Roads	24,000,000
Widows, Orphans and Old Age Contributary Persons	20,000,000
Ministry of Health	23,000,000
Broadcasting	3,750,000

—Reuter.

Palestine Jews Threaten To Withdraw Support

Any Scheme Imposing Minority Status to Be Resolutely Opposed; London Talks Held Up

Jerusalem, Mar. 1.

THREAT to withdraw Jewish co-operation from the British Government, if the plan to make Palestine an independent state is put into force, is made in a manifesto issued after a specially summoned conference of Palestine jewry. The manifesto rejects any scheme imposing a minority status on Jews, and calls on the people of Britain and America and the League of Nations to prevent the attempt to "blast the hopes of the ancient Jewish people, weary of exile."

Although yesterday passed peacefully in Haifa, a tense atmosphere prevails at night. Further deaths among those injured in bomb explosions in Haifa have increased the death roll to 28, including five women. A thirteen-hour curfew has been imposed from 5 p.m., and will operate until further notice. Major-General O'Connor, Military Commander of Jerusalem, told the Jewish Community Council today that he intended "taking the firmest measures for the suppression of disorders, whatever their origin."—Reuter.

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 28.

At question time in the House of Commons today, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, attributed the recent bomb outrages, attended by heavy casualties, in Jerusalem and Haifa to the present political tension in Palestine.

An informal meeting between the British Government and the Jewish representatives held this afternoon discussed the Jewish objections to accepting the British suggestions as a basis for discussion. The discussion was adjourned, and the date of resumption has not yet been fixed.

Delay is necessary as the British Government must consider the general position, and also because Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, is confined to his bed with influenza.

No further meetings with the Arabs have been planned, but the meeting arranged for today will be held.

It is authoritatively learned that the MacMahon Correspondence is expected to be published at the end of this week. The question of translation has been concluded, although there are still one or two points outstanding.

Situation Unchanged

It is understood that the situation between the British and Jewish delegations is unchanged as a result of this afternoon's informal talks, according to Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The two informal talks today and yesterday, he states, failed to break the deadlock in the formal talks created by the Jewish decision that the British Government's suggestions afforded no basis for further negotiations.

It is understood that the adjournment of the informal talks for an indefinite period was intended to give the British delegation an opportunity to consider whether or not the suggestions may be modified, and, if so, in what respect. It is believed that the British delegation showed readiness to make concessions on what are regarded in Jewish circles as minor points.

No Breakdown in Talks

According to a prominent Jewish delegate, the postponement of the meetings did not mean a breakdown in the talks, but the onus for their resumption rested with the British Government.

The full Arab delegation met at the Egyptian Embassy this evening. It is learned in authoritative quarters that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the British Government's suggestions for a settlement of the Palestine problem, put forward during the week-end.

It is thought in Arab circles that the suggestions as they now stand are not sufficiently precise to permit of an immediate Arab decision regarding acceptance or rejection. The general feeling, however, is one of optimism, and it is thought that the suggestions form a promising basis for future discussion, in the course of which they may be clarified and extended to a more definite plan.—Reuter.

Republican Ministers Meet in Madrid

"Morale of Our Army Is High" Says Sr. del Vayo

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Madrid, Mar. 1.

"The morale of our army is high," declared Senor Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Republican Foreign Minister, in a statement to the press in Valencia.

The Republican Cabinet held a prolonged midnight meeting in the Alicante district. A brief communique, issued afterwards, stated that Senor Juan Negrin, Republican Premier, has informed his colleagues of the present situation. The communique also stated that the next meeting of the Cabinet would be held in Madrid.—Reuter.

High Japanese Officer Due in Hongkong

Hongkong, Mar. 1.

General Tanaka, Japanese military commander, is expected to arrive in Hongkong this evening. His visit is described as a courtesy call, but some sources suggest that it may be an expression of regret for the recent bombings inside British territory.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8⅜d. U.S$ 15⅞c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 1.

"Spot" silver declined ⅛d., while the other position lost 1/16d. compared with yesterday.

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London spot	20 5/16d.	20 7/16d.
" forward	19 13/16d.	19⅞d.
" gold	148/3d.	148/5d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.6910	$4.6869
One U.S. dollar	51.161d.	51.206d.

—Reuter.

U.S. Planes Not to Be Built in Japan

Makers Deny Reports By Tokyo; Unofficial Boycott Unbroken

Washington, Feb. 28.

United States Government officials today declined to comment on Tokyo reports that United States aircraft manufacturers, while complying with the Government's embargo against the shipment of planes to Japan, had sent technical experts to Japan to aid in the development of the Japanese aircraft industry. The American companies also were reported to have sold patent rights to Japan for modern transport planes which could be easily converted into speedy bombers.

Unofficial quarters pointed out here that it would be logical for American aircraft experts to go to Japan in connection with plane sales completed before the State Department imposed the "voluntary" embargo against the export of American planes to Japan. American aircraft companies usually send experts to direct assembly of American planes to avoid difficulties which might injure the reputation of the manufacturers, it was pointed out.

United States aviation companies are understood to be co-operating 100 per cent. with the Government in the embargo against the shipment of planes to Japan. Some quarters believed reports that the companies had sold patents and other rights to Japan were incorrect.—United Press.

Companies Issue Denial

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.

The Douglas and Lockheed Aircraft Companies said today that they did not know any of their men were in Tokyo. They denied reports that employees of their's were aiding Japan in the development of her domestic aircraft production facilities.—United Press.

Pearl River Closure Relaxed

Agreement Limits Number Of Vessels Allowed

Hongkong, Mar. 1.

The Japanese and British consuls at Canton have reached an agreement regarding restricted service on the Pearl River, it was reported here today. The Japanese consul was said to have emphasized, however, that the agreement was not tantamount to re-opening the river to general traffic.

The agreement provides that one Japanese ship shall sail weekly between Hongkong and Canton, and one British ship will be permitted to make the same trip fortnightly. The British ship must depart from Canton and arrive there during daylight hours and may carry no cargo.

Japanese ships are understood to be giving free passage to Chinese wishing to return to Canton. The Yachiyo Maru left here for Canton this morning carrying 100 Chinese and Japanese passengers.

The reported Anglo-Japanese agreement regarding the Pearl River is confirmed here by Japanese consular authorities who emphasize that it does not constitute reopening of the river.—United Press.

D. K. K. to Build More Vessels

Fourteen New Ships to Be Ready by 1941

Dairen, Mar. 1.

The Dairen Kisen Kaisha is to build fourteen new ships of approximately 70,000 tons in all by the year 1941, its head office here states. The vessels will range in size from 2,000 to 9,000 tons, and will be used for coastwise traffic with Japan and China, with Dairen as the centre.

The D.K.K. in the past was forced to charter a large number of ships, principally British, but as these charters are running out they are not being renewed. This is said to be partly owing to the difficulty of paying for them in sterling under the present exchange control regulations.

When these new boats are afloat, the D.K.K. fleet will number 67 ships of 250,000 tons aggregate.—Reuter.

Kidnapping Attempt Puzzles Singapore

Elder Brother Rescues Two Boys from Coolie

Singapore, Mar. 1.

An amazing attempt to kidnap two Eurasian children aged three and four, sons of Mrs. F. W. de Souza, and take them away in sacks is puzzling the police here. The police think that the would-be kidnapper, a Chinese coolie, might have attempted to sell the children.

An elder brother of the two children saw the Chinese on the beach near their home attempting to kidnap the children. The Chinese was putting one of the boys into a sack, the other already being in another sack. After a struggle, the boys' brother rescued them, but the would-be kidnapper escaped.—Reuter.

Catholic Church Suffers Big Material Loss in China

Sequel of Hostilities Brings Remarkable Spiritual Gains, Reports Congregation

Vatican City, Mar. 1.

THE Chinese-Japanese conflict has left an idelible imprint on the Catholic Church. Millions of dollars of church property have been lost and numerous missionaries have lost their lives, according to the Congregation for the Propagation of Faith. It points out, however, that there is a bright side to the picture. The Congregation divulges that the conversion movement has taken on a faster tempo and that never before in the history of missionary activity have so many Chinese turned to the Church for a career as in the last year and half.

It is not easy to assess the damages to Church property over the vast war zone. According to the Congregation, an unestimated number of churches, chapels, schools and mission residences have been destroyed, "compromising the efforts of decades." The number of missionary dead is listed at 22, of whom three were Chinese. The highest ranked ecclesiastic to be killed was Bishop Schraven, C.M., at Chengtinfu in the Hopeh province.

Turning to the gains made by the Church, the Congregation adds: "At a modest estimate it is probable that in the course of the unstable situation brought on by the war, that between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 non-Christian Chinese have been brought by force of circumstances into close contact with Catholic missionaries."

According to incomplete returns from various war zones, the Congregation reports that there have been about 20,000 baptisms, 50,000 catechumens and another 100,000 applications for baptism since the outbreak of hostilities.

At Sienhsien, Hopeh, catechumens number 16,500, as against 4,000 a year ago. At Tsinan, capital of Shantung, there are 7,000 catechumens, which is twice last year's total, and 5,000 baptisms, of which 1,380 are adult converts. At Yihsien, Hopeh, 35 adults were baptized early in 1938 and "a general movement toward the Church is in evidence, while at Hungkialow an entire school of nurses have entered the Church."

Desire for Baptism

Speaking of the large number of applicants for baptism, the Congregation concludes:

"At Yenchowfu, the Fathers have received from 50,000 to 60,000 applications for baptism. In Hanyang Vicariate, near Hankow one of the missionaries reports that all families within a radius of six miles are ready to accept the Faith. In Shanghai great numbers of the dying were received into the Church. More than 15,000 such baptisms were administered in the foreign concessions alone.

"In the Jacquinot zone in the Chinese City some 5,000 baptisms were administered. In the Shanghai military hospitals another 1,300 were reported. At Hankow, Hupeh, 98 soldiers and 530 sick persons had been baptized in the hospitals prior to June, 1938. At Wuchang, near Hankow, some 175 refugees have thus far received baptism."

The Congregation says that these figures represent only those officially reported.—United Press.

Police Arrest Two Armed Robbers

Pursued Men Captured in Creek in Attempt to Flee Armed Patrol Party

It is a novel situation indeed when armed robbers jump into a creek, but that happened at 7 p.m. yesterday in the Bubbling Well area. On Crescent Avenue about 7 p.m. two malcontents held up a pedestrian and stole his watch. They dashed off toward Yu Yuen Road and their victim gave chase. When he saw a police party consisting of a Japanese and two Chinese constables, he pointed out the men and the party gave chase. Driven toward a creek, the robbers had no option but to jump in and try to cross it.

Two pedestrians, ahead of the police party, jumped in after them. As the police closed in with drawn pistols, the lot came from the water and in a few minutes pedestrians and robbers were separated.

The police relieved the gunmen of one pistol and returned the victim's watch. They were a bedraggled pair when brought to Bubbling Well station and had to be given a bath before the detectives could question them.

Manchoukuo to Have Gas Masks

Changchung, Mar. 1.

Manchoukuo is falling in line with countries taking air raid precautions, thought it will not be until about the middle of the year that gas-masks will be ready for the populace. These will be put out by the Manchuria Chemical Manufacturing Company, capitalized at a million yuan, which is to start business this May.

Manchoukuo will not do what Britain did last September—issue gas-masks free. It believes, like France, that the people will take greater care of them if they have to be bought. The price in this country will be about fifteen yuan each.—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"The Young in Heart"

George-Anne Carleton ....Janet Gaynor
Richard Carleton Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.
Leslie Saunders.....Paulette Goddard
Col. Anthony ("Sahib") Carleton ....Roland Young
Marmy Carleton .....Billie Burke
Duncan MacCrae .....Richard Carlson
Miss Ellen Fortune .....Minnie Dupree
Sarah .....Elly Malyon
Adela Jennings .....Lucile Watson
Felix Anstruther.....Henry Stephenson
Mrs. Jennings .....Lucile Watson
Mr. Jennings .....Irvin S. Cobb
Detective Chief .....Walter Kingsford
Andrew .....Tom Ricketts
Adela Jennings .....Margaret Early
Mr. Hutchins .....Lawrence Grant
Customer .....Lionel Pape

Without going too much into detail, it is stated definitely from the reviewer's point of view that "The Young in Heart," which opened yesterday at the Nanking Theatre, is a film which should not be missed, in spite of the fact that two of the three stars were not up to standard. There is a rollicking melody of laughter running throughout, with a touch of pathos to relieve the abundance of comedy.

It is left to the individual to decide whether Mr. Roland Young, Miss Janet Gaynor, Miss Billie Burke or Miss Minnie Dupree take the honours. For general ability the latter was the best, but the lines given to Miss Burke and the subtle comedy of Mr. Young make them close rivals for the favoured position. To the director for introducing the "Anvil Chorus" to emphasize the "morning after" greatest marks must be given, and the photography in this sequence was outstanding. The broad Scottish accent of Mr. Richard Lindsay will be appreciated by others than Scotsmen. Perhaps others will think that the dog had the better role.—F.L.T.

"King of the Underworld"

Joe Gurney .....Humphrey Bogart
Carol Nelson .....Kay Francis
Bill Forrest .....James Stephenson
Niles Nelson .....John Eldredge
Aunt Margaret .....Jessie Busley
Dr. Sanders .....Arthur Aylesworth
Sheriff .....Raymond Brown
Mr. Ames .....Harland Tucker
Mr. Robert .....Ralph Remley
Eddie .....Charley Foy
Butch .....Murray Alper
Porky .....Joe Devlin
Mugsy .....Elliott Sullivan

An ingenious plot and an excellent leading character in the person of Mr. Humphrey Bogart, who interprets his role so well that the rest of the cast is completely overshadowed by his mastery, ensures that "King of the Underworld," current attraction at the Cathay Theatre, is a film which pleases even the most critical of audiences, in spite of the fact that the supporting players take rather a back seat. Mr. Bogart plays the part of a hardened gangster, who compares himself with Napoleon and who, in his attempts to escape from justice, finds himself needing the services of a woman doctor, whose husband has been killed while aiding him, and a down-and-out novelist whom he seizes to write his life story. Eventually he is captured after a clever ruse on the part of the lady doctor, played by Miss Kay Francis. In this role she is not as convincing as in many of her former portrayals, while Mr. James Stephenson, although he has little to do in the part of the novelist, does it fairly well. The picture is filled with many amusing incidents and at no time does it tend to lag, for there is much that is exciting and novel contained in the plot.—A.S.

Heavy Fighting on Many Fronts

Attack in Kiangsu Held Up; Japanese Successes In Hupeh Province

Chungking, Mar. 1.

Heavy fighting is going on in North Kiangsu, according to a Chinese dispatch from Hwaiying, where gunfire is audible. Japanese forces, assisted by tanks and aircraft, are pushing in three columns in the direction of Hwaiying and Tunghai, states the message.

Fighting is at present taking place in Tsaotse, east of Sutsien (southeast of Hsuchowfu) and also in Yangho, south of Sutsien, the message adds. The Japanese are stated to have occupied Tsaotsi on February 25 and Yangho on February 26.—Reuter.

Japanese Advance Continues

Hankow, Mar. 1.

Operating on both sides of the Yingchen-Kingshan highway in Hupeh province, Japanese forces scored heavily in their westward advance, field dispatches reaching here today claimed.

Vast quantities of arms and ammunition were taken by the Japanese, who captured 19 Chinese prisoners. Chinese dead were put at 250, while Japanese losses included one officer and two men killed, and several wounded.

Retreat Cut Off

Battering the mountain positions of Chinese troops since yesterday morning, Japanese forces have cut off the retreat routes of four divisions of Gen. Chang Chih-chung's army which are seeking shelter in the mountainous region east of the Han River, according to field dispatches reaching here today.

Gunfire resounded in the surrounding valley as a bloody engagement developed this morning after Chinese entrenched on Ta Chuen Mountain, 400 metres high, started a counter-attack.

Braving the swollen rapids of the river, the Japanese troops attempted a crossing this morning. Another Japanese column which has been advancing along the Yingcheng-Kingshan Highway captured Hsiungchiawan on the bank of the Hsien River yesterday afternoon, according to the messages.—Domei.

Army Estimates Published

Show Increase of Over £46,000,000; Recruiting Now Declared Satisfactory

London, Mar. 1.

The new Army estimates for 1939 issued today show a gross total of £161,133,000, or an increase of £46,714,000 as compared with 1938. At the same time, the strength of the Army is to be increased by 15,700 men or to a total of 185,700, to be spread over all arms and branches. Both totals are much higher than in recent years.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War, in a memorandum accompanying the estimates, explains that after allowing for normal appropriations-in-aid, which are a book-keeping transaction, the corresponding figures are £148,155,000 for 1939 and £106,500,000 for 1938, which is an increase of £41,655,000.

But, continues the memorandum, in the 1939 estimates, provision for issues from the consolidated fund amounts to £66,232,000 as compared with £21,143,000 in 1938, so that the net amount to be met by the tax-payer is £81,923,000, or £3,434,000 less than 1938.

Rapid Recruiting

Recruiting has been most satisfactory throughout the year and if it is maintained at the present rate it should considerably reduce the shortage.

The intake of recruits during the financial year ending March 31, 1939 will be 40,000 men as compared with the 29,482 recruits finally approved during the year which ended last March.

Detailed statistics of the production of munitions cannot, in the public interest, be published. The acceleration of the rearmament programme is shown by comparison of the provision made under the vote for warlike store for the last four years, namely:

1936	£ 9,073,500
1937	25,033,000
1938	38,383,000
1939	55,509,000

Mr. Hore-Belisha says that the current year has been a year of "outstanding achievement" in the history of the Territorial Army.—Reuter.

Moscow Pays Tribute To Lenin's Widow

Remains to Be Cremated In Red Square Today

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Funeral services for the late Nadejda Konstantinovna Kroupskaia, Lenin's widow, will take place at the Red Square at 5 p.m. tomorrow, it was announced here today. The cremation ceremony will take place late tonight.

A steady stream of citizens filed by the casket bearing Mme. Kroupskaia's remains. A guard of honour composed of such Soviet leaders as Stalin, Molotoff, Kaganovich, Vorochilov, Kalinin, Mikoyan and Andieev, is formed from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.—Havas.

THE establishment of a provisional branch office in Changsha, capital of Hunan, has now been decided upon by the Central Bank of China, in order to help readjust the financial conditions there, says a Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." Mr. Huang Hsing has been appointed director of the proposed branch office, and will proceed shortly to Changsha to organise the branch, the report adds.

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Peking ex-Residents Foregather

Reunion in A.W.C. Hall Recalls Old Days

Many an old friendship was renewed and many cheery events recalled on Tuesday night when a large number of former Peking residents met in the ballroom of the American Women's Club. A cross-section of the Shanghai community would probably reveal that more of the city's residents (during their sojourn in the Far East) have lived in Peking than in any other city in China.

Life in the old capital has many amenities peculiar to itself—features which always endeared this fascinating city to those who for years or for months only looked on Peking as their home. The smell of the grey-walled "huting"; the glint of northern sunlight on golden tiled roofs and massive gate towers; the sonorous tone of the temple bell up the ravine; the haunting melody of the young priest playing his flute on the hill-side in the cool of the evening; the stately glide of the supercilious camels winding their way along the dusty tracks—these and similar scenes were conjured up on Tuesday night.

Three competent musicians, selected from Shanghai's recent arrivals, provided all that one could have desired in the way of good music, and dancing was indulged in with zest. Considerable amusement was also afforded by an excellent Chinese bird-mimic, who displayed this art to a high degree.

An alcove in the ballroom was set aside for liquid sustenance and appropriately labelled "Peking Club," whilst another section was named "Tung Hsing Lou," to recall the famous Chinese restaurant which has flourished in Peking since Elizabethan days, in which "restaurant" refreshments were served as the hour of midnight drew near. "Chiaotze's" and other Peking dishes were the order of the night.

In one corner of the room a table was set aside at which those who wished to do so could pen a few lines of greeting to Peking friends overseas, for which purpose a hundred souvenir cards were specially printed, portraying a Sapajou scene of the Boulevard de Ping-Tze-Men.

Credit for this gencial foregathering and the evening's entertainment should go to Mr. Eric G. Clarke and to Mrs. Clarke who conceived the idea and who carried it to such a successful conclusion. The general impression at lights out was that a very pleasant time had been enjoyed and many hopes were expressed for a repetition.

Socialist Now Forming Belgian Cabinet

Brussels, Feb. 28.

King Leopold today entrusted Senator Paul Soudan, Socialist, with the formation of a new Cabinet to replace the Pierlot Government which resigned yesterday. The Liberal Pierlot Cabinet fell over the dispute with the Socialists over the projected five per cent. cut of civil servants' salaries.—Havas.

British Navy Strength Peak Still to Come

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 1.

A high official of the British Admiralty states that, although this year's naval estimates are the highest ever presented to this country, it is "almost certain that they will be even higher next year."—Reuter.

Parliament Supports Burgos Recognition

(Continued from page 7)

After mentioning that, hitherto, nineteen countries had recognized General Franco, Mr. Chamberlain said that recognition was a formal act, bringing the relations of Great Britain with General Franco's Government into accord with reality.

Armistice Now Sought

"What is wanted now," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "is a cessation of hostilities (cheers).

"Anything the British Government can do to help to bring about an armistice, in which discussions can take place between the representatives of the two sides, we shall gladly do. I trust that not many days will pass before we hear that such an Armistice has been agreed upon.

"Once the fighting has come to an end, we hope that all Spaniards may see fit to repair the destruction which has taken place, and build up a prosperous and happy country, which will be worthy of their own glorious past."

Prolonging Cruel Conflict

The Government, Mr. Chamberlain declared in the earlier part of his speech, had dealt with the question of recognition without partisanship or prejudice, in conformity with their policy on the Spanish Civil War throughout its duration.

To have maintained recognition of the Republican Government, he said, would have been to "have encouraged hopeless resistance, contrary to all the dictates of humanity."

Mr. Chamberlain then urged upon the Opposition consideration of the fact that, by establishing friendly relations with the new Government of Spain, they might hope to ensure that British interests should not be jeopardized by anything that had happened.

The conditions which, Mr. Attlee had suggested, should have been imposed, could only have been exacted by war.

"We could not exact terms," Mr. Chamberlain emphasized, "but what we could do was to obtain an assurance, while at the same time granting recognition unconditionally.

Many Assurances Given

"We have had repeated assurances on all the points mentioned by Mr. Attlee from General Franco over a period which can be measured by years."

Mr. Chamberlain quoted General Franco's reply, dated February 22, to the British Government's representations on the question of possible reprisals against Spanish Republicans:—

"National Spain has won the war, and it is therefore incumbent upon the vanquished to surrender unconditionally.

"The patriotism, chivalry and generosity of General Cordelio, of which he has given so many examples in the liberated regions, and likewise the spirit of equity and justice which inspired the National Government, constitute a firm guarantee for all Spaniards who are not criminals.

"Courts of justice, applying established laws and precedures promulgated before July 18, 1936, are restricted to bringing to judgment within the framework of those laws the authors of crime.

"Spain is not disposed to accept any foreign intervention which may impair her dignity or infringe upon her sovereignty."

Liberal Opposition View

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Leader, speaking on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, said that the British Government had confronted Parliament with a policy of "bankruptcy and suicide."

The Government, he declared, was now going to recognize a Government which "cannot maintain its authority without foreign troops." The British Government, he added had strengthened the dictatorships, and weakened the democracies.

It had betrayed one after another those countries which had trusted them, and their epitaph would be:—"We have eaten dirt in vain."

Mr. Eden's Support

Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, and Conservative member for the Warwick and Leamington Division of Warwickshire, declared that whatever decision the House might take, the Spanish question would remain one of anxiety, and Great Britain could never rest indifferent to a situation in which Spain, or any part of Spain's territories, islands, or overseas possessions were under the control or even under the partial domination of any non-Spanish Power.

Mr. Eden said that he believed that the result of the withholding of recognition would be to encourage the Spanish conflict to proceed after it had passed a period when no one thought that the result could be changed.

This, Mr. Eden added, was a "fearful responsibility" which he was not prepared himself to take, and that was why he would support the Government in the division in the lobbies.—Reuter.

Vote of Censure Defeated

London, Mar. 1

A vote of censure, proposed by the Opposition at the close of the debate on the recognition of Spain, in the House of Commons, was defeated by 344 votes to 137.—Reuter.

U.S. Colonies in Sad Plight

Civil Liberties in Possessions Abroad Called "Deplorable"

New York, Feb. 28.

Conditions in United States territorial possessions and colonies are "deplorable" and the forty-year record of American administration of colonies "is not a commendable one," the American Civil Liberties Union alleged in a pamphlet published here.

The pamphlet, entitled "Civil Liberties in American Colonies" studies the relations of the United States with her Caribbean and Pacific possessions where conditions, except in the Philippines and the Virgin Islands, "are in a deplorable state."

The pamphlet surveys political conditions, particularly civil rights, in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Philipines, Guam, American Samoa and Hawaii. America's promise to prepare her colonies for independent, democratic self-government, the pamphlet said, "remains largely unfulfilled."

Reform Programme

The pamphlet urges the following seven point reform programme:

1. Permit Puerto Ricans to vote on the question of independence or genuine statehood.
2. Change the administration of Puerto Rico through the appointment of officials "who permit free exercise of civil rights."
3. Adopt forms of civil government in Samoa and Guam and grant American citizenship to the natives.
4. Substitute the native language for English in school instruction in Guam, Samoa and Puerto Rico.
5. Retain the terms of the Philippine Independence Act and assure the realization of the act in 1946. Simultaneously secure for the Philippines Government "progressively minded American advisers."
6. Extend native participation and responsibility in the Virgin Islands Government.
7. Permit Hawaii to become a state.

Philippine Problem

The report said these reforms were "of obvious necessity," adding that Puerto Rico was the "most acute problem."

Regarding the Philippines, the pamphlet said the lack of Democracy under the Commonwealth regime and the alleged denial of constitutional and civil rights could be interpreted only as an "ominous" sign.

"Such conditions," the pamphlet said, "contradict the avowed aim of self-government.

"Assuming that the terms of the Independence Act will be carried out, the Filipinos are being prepared not for self-rule, but for a military and possibly Fascist dictatorship."

The pamphlet said that although reports from Hawaii revealed numerous violations of civil liberties in connection with industrial strife, "no special condition in Hawaii is different from that in the United States as marks of American control."

"Hawaii has become too closely tied to the United States politically and economically to be viewed as a colony," the pamphlet said. "The islands should be admitted as a state."—United Press.

Guam Fortification Wanted in U.S.

Senate May Reverse Veto By Representatives

Washington, Feb. 28.

With the Vinson Naval Base Bill pending before the Senate, unofficial quarters today expressed the hope the Senate would reverse the decision of the House of Representatives to eliminate the item calling for the fortification of Guam Island.

Although official Army and Navy circles remained silent on the Guam issue, unofficial quarters expressed their continued disappointment at the failure of the House to approve the Navy's proposal for the fortification of Guam.

The impression is held in military and naval circles here that the question of defence is not so important in the Guam case, but that Japan, as a result of the action by the House, may believe that United States Far Eastern policy is weakening. Informed quarters describe this possible Japanese interpretation of the House action as "erroneous." Such an impression, it is said, "may have disastrous consequences."

One high ranking Army officer who has seen much recent service in the Far East said today that assertions that fortification of Guam would be a dagger pointed at the heart of Japan were "untrue."

"The fortifications," he said, "would have aided in guarding the United States and would have been an excellent method of convincing the Japanese masses that while the United States desires no complications, it is 100 per cent. against aggression of any sort and disapproved of the present trend of Japanese foreign policy. The Japanese people would then know that more than ever we are prepared to resist prospective aggression."—United Press.

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Munitions Dump Near Osaka Explodes

Osaka, Mar. 1.

A terrific explosion in a large munitions dump at Hiraka village near here shook the neighbourhood over a wide area and is believed to have caused many casualties. Tramways near the scene were torn out of the streets, many trees were uprooted and telephone wires were swept away. The fire which followed the explosion spread rapidly to near by buildings. Besides summoning all the fire-fighting equipment available at Osaka, the authorities called out troops to help combat the flames and maintain order. The mobilization of relief workers also was begun immediately.—United Press.

Fascist Leaders in Bulgaria Arrested

Charge Made of Engaging In Banned Activities

Sofia, Feb. 28.

Over 30 leading members of the disbanded Zankoff Movement, which is Bulgaria's Fascist Party, were arrested today, and charged with engaging in party and political activities, which are banned. There have been further arrests in other centres.

For some time past, Professor Zankoff, former Premier, has been in close touch with M. Gheorgieff, Right Wing Premier in 1934, and it is known that they have been trying to form a Right Wing political front, to oppose the present non-party system of government.—Reuter.

Replacements in Welsh Rugger Team

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 28.

In the Welsh rugby team to meet Ireland at Belfast on March 11, Chris Matthews (Bridgend) and V. J. Law (Newport) will replace Elvet Jones and Watkins.—Reuter.

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OBITUARY

Lord Colebrooke

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 1.

The death has occurred of Lord Colebrooke, the famous courtier, at the age of 77.

Born in October 1861, Lord Edward Arthur Colebrooke is survived by his wife, Lady Alexandra Harriet, daughter of the late Lord Alfred Paget, and two daughters. He was Lord-in-Waiting to King George V from 1906 to 1911, being given the title of Commander of the Church of Scotland in 1906. From 1911 to 1922, he was Captain of the Gentlemen-in-Arms. He became Permanent Lord-in-Waiting to King George V in 1924 and continued in that office until the death of His Majesty. Lord Colebrooke was Master of the Robes to King Edward VIII in 1936.—Reuter.

Moscow Denies Kiev Bombing Incident

Moscow, Feb. 28.

It was denied here today that a bomb incident had occurred in Kiev's railway station, where two officials were alleged to have been killed.—Havas.

HE WAS AS ROUND AS A BARREL

Protruding Stomach Made Him Look Deformed

Excess fat is unhealthy and unpleasant—for both men and women. It should be got rid of whenever it appears, whether early in life or late. This man, for all his three score years and ten, determined to reduce his weight. Read how he succeeded:—

"A few years ago I felt I was almost finished. I was as round as a barrel, for I am not very tall, and with my protruding stomach I looked deformed. My weight was 15 stone 10 lbs., and on top of it all, I suffered so badly with rheumatism that I was no longer able to work. I started taking Kruschen Salts, and now both rheumatism and fat have disappeared. My weight is now 12 stone 8 lbs. I can dig my garden, and do my own work, in spite of my 70 years."—V.R.

The six salts in Kruschen assist the internal organs to throw off each day the wastage and poisons that encumber the system. Then, little by little, that ugly fat disappears.—ADVT.

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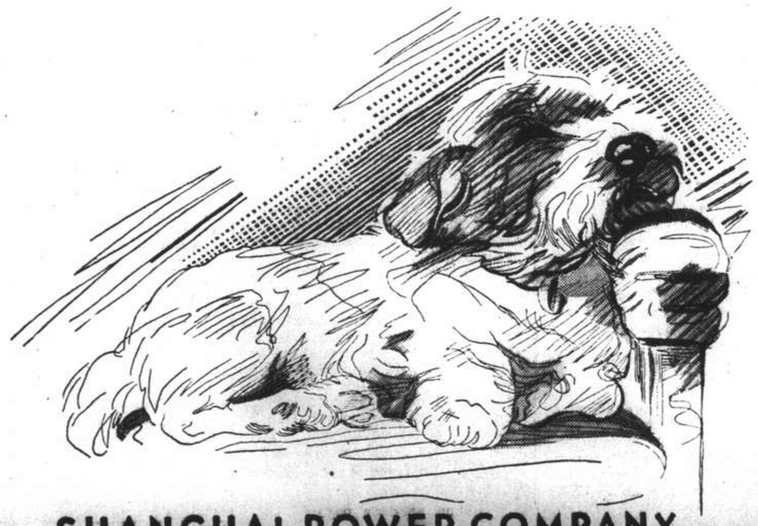
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FROM DAY TO DAY

A DIRECT Chungking to Kunming long-distance telephone service was inaugurated today.

THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel today at 10.30 a.m.

CAPTAIN F. R. Barry and officers of H.M.S. Dorsetshire were guests at the weekly reunion of the Zero Club yesterday.

EMPEROR Hirohito has wirelessed felicitations to General Martinez, on the occasion of his resumption of the Presidency of Salvador.

WITH 5,000 persons participating in a monster flag parade, Tokyo yesterday celebrated the seventh anniversary of the founding of Manchoukuo.

THE new Waterloo Bridge will probably open for traffic in June, 1940, according to the London County Council Highways Committee.

THE fashion show, which was to have been given by Mme. Gingeroff under the auspices of the American Women's Club on March 14, has been abandoned.

KING Boris of Bulgaria and Prince Regent Paul of Yugoslavia had luncheon together on Tuesday and afterwards engaged in a lengthy conversation at which no one else was present.

A NATIONAL education conference, the first of its kind in the last 10 years, was convened in Chungking under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance yesterday, says a Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao."

APPLICABLE to all foreigners, regardless of race or religion, a new—and stricter immigration law for Japan will go into effect on May 1. The new act replaces the regulations for the entry of aliens promulgated in 1916.

MRS. V. G. Bowden who has been on a visit to Hong Kong will return to Shanghai today. Mr. Bowden who is at present in Manila will return in the ss. Empress of Japan," arriving in Shanghai on March 19.

"THAT a Citizen Should Obey the Laws of his Country Even Though He Disagrees With Them," is proposed on the Foreign "Y" Debating programme today at 9 p.m. Mr. J. B. Snoad is proposing, and Mr. K. Steiner is opposing.

MR. Jacek Trawinski, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy in Tokyo, who has been transferred to a post with the Polish Government, is sailing for Yokohama in the ss. President Garfield on his way back home on March 9.

THE Export Guarantees Bill, the Czechoslovakia Financial Assistance Bill, and the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, which have been passed by the House of Commons, were read for the third time in the House of Lords on Monday evening, and will now receive Royal Assent.

THE Municipal Council has been notified that on the departure from Shanghai of Mr. V. Niskanen, Consul-General for Finland, and pending the arrival of his successor, Mr. T. I. Kala, Attaché to the Finnish Legation in Tokyo, will be in charge of the Finnish Consulate General.

A PLAN for sending agricultural workers from the Carpathic Ukraine to Germany to help out on German farms has now taken concrete form. About 250 young farmers will depart for Saxony in the next few days and 5,000 more will proceed to Germany this month. Jobs are awaiting all of them.

THE medal of honour of the City Federation to Women's Clubs of New York was awarded recently to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese generalissimo, in recognition of her "indomitable courage and leadership in the crisis of her native land." Mme. Chiang was the seventh recipient of the medal since the award was established 25 years ago.

MR. Chen Shou-ming, a Chinese industrialist from Siam, is now making a tour of Szechuen province with a view to organising the proposed West China Development Corporation, says a Chungking message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Mr. Chen is a Siam Chinese delegate to the People's Political Council, and left for the border areas of Szechuen from Chengtu by air yesterday, the report adds.

MEASURES for the rehabilitation of market conditions in Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province, were discussed by Mr. Wu Ting-chang, Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government, on February 28, with Chinese bank managers in the province, says a Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Kweiyang, he said, had suffered recently from a severe Japanese air raid which caused heavy damages to the town areas.

THE total number of visitors to the various municipal parks and children's gardens during January was 102,680. 1,000 young cherry trees presented by Mr. Haraguchi, were planted in Hongkew Park to form an avenue extending from the West entrance, around the North and East sides of the park to the main entrance; several large groups were arranged along the avenue in close proximity to the lake and smaller ones along the North boundary.

THE compulsory planting of cotton in the North China occupied areas has been ordered by the Japanese authorities, and is being enforced upon the Chinese farmers, who are now prohibited from planting cereals, says a Peiping Chinese report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Cotton thus planted, the report adds, will be supplied to Japanese cotton mills in North China and to "Manchoukuo," which in turn will give cereals in exchange.

THE Navy Y.M.C.A. wishes to acknowledge with thanks the donation of books, magazines and newspapers received from the following people during the month of February:—Mr. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wallace Jourdin, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Viloudaki, Mr. Gonsalves, Mr. P. H. Bordwell, Anonymous, Mr. C. L. L. Williams, Mr. P. S. Chung, Mrs. O. C. Lockhart, Mrs. U. G. Frondorf Mrs P. S. Hopkins, Mrs. H. V. Bernard, Mr. D. T. McAllister, Dr. J. R. B. Branch, Mr. Lyman Hoover, and others. The Navy "Y" can still make use of novels and story magazines.

Shanghai's Welsh Community Honour Patron Saint

Annual St. David's Day Banquet and Ball; Many Distinguished Guests

WITH that intense loyalty and devotion to country that is characteristic of all sons and daughters of Wales, Shanghai's Welsh community, in common with other Welsh communities scattered throughout the world, yesterday celebrated St. David's Day in traditional style. Although the Welsh community in Shanghai is not a large one this did not detract from the magnificence of the celebrations, chief among which was the annual St. David's Day ball and banquet, held at the Cercle Sportif Francais under the auspices of St. David's Society of Shanghai. Earlier in the day there had been the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The scene at the French Club was a brilliant one, a guard of Sikh Lancers lining the grand staircase while ladies dressed in Welsh national costumes distributed paper leeks as favours to the guests, who, as they arrived were received by Mr. R. J. E. Price, President of St. David's Society assisted by Mrs. T. S. Powell, wife of the Society's Vice-President.

The Guests

The official party at the function comprised: Judge Sir Allan and Lady Mossop, Sir Herbert and Lady Phillips, Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Captain F. R. Barry and Mrs. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keswick, Mr. W. J. Keswick (President of St. Andrew's Society) and Mrs. Keswick, Major J. T. Ford (President of the Royal Society of St. George), Mr. W. G. Clarke (President of St. Patrick's Society) and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Franklin and the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Allan.

Others present included: Mr. P. M. Broadmead (Counsellor of the British Embassy) and Mrs. Broadmead, Mr. A. H. George, H.M. Commercial Counsellor; Mr. H. I. Prideaux-Brune, Capt. P. H. G. James R.N., Mrs. Aitken, Commander and Mrs. E. A. Jolley, Lieut.-Col. R. A. and Mrs. Wolfe Murray, Major and Mrs. Hunt, Major and Mrs. Swinton, Mr. M. T. Stewart, Canadian Trade Commissioner; Bishop W. P. Robert, representing the American Association, and Mrs. Robert; Dean A.C.S. and Mrs. Trivett, Sir Robert Calder Marshall, representing the British Chamber of Commerce, and Lady Calder Marshall, Mr. P. D. G. Gain, South African Trade Commissioner, and Mrs. Gani, Mr. C. H. Arnhold, British Residents' Association, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Priestwood, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, Col. J. W. Hornby, and others.

St. David

After Grace, pronounced by the Honorary Chaplain, the Rev. F. W. Thomas, telegrams of greeting from all over the world were read by Mr. J. R. Jones, a past President of the Society. Among the greetings received was one from the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, formerly stationed in Shanghai, to whom the Society had presented "Billy the Goat" as a Regimental mascot. Others were received from Hongkong, Chungking, Tientsin, Singapore and other places, some of them being worded in the Welsh tongue.

After the Loyal toast, Mr. T. S. Powell proposed the toast to the immortal memory of Dewi Sant. He opened his remarks with some witty references to the researches and historical methods of the Presidents of sister national societies to discover something about the Saint and then, in more serious vein, told of the outstanding features of the life of St. David, recalling the greatness of the man, as witnessed by his contemporaries, and his personal humility.

He dealt with his miracle and achievements, the strenuousness of his life and of his labours in an era of strife, the arduousness of his journeys through country that was in those days still wild forest—journeys that were fraught with danger—and the simplicity of his life.

Friendship

Dealing with the rules that St. David laid down for his disciples and his followers in the monasteries, Mr. Powell outlined the fact that the monasteries of those days were not the peaceful retreats which we know today but shelters where Christians could find refuge from their own tribes, still pagans, from the invaders from Ireland, or from the marauding raids of the Danes and the Norsemen. St. David's settlements were sacked constantly and his flocks scattered, but during all these stirring times he left for the Welsh people a tradition of independence, of determination and pride of accomplishment. The result was that Welsh people, in celebrating each year the memory of their patron saint, did so in reverence to those traditions which St. David had given to them and to keep green that heritage which he had handed down.

In proposing the toast of "The Guests", the President said that it gave him great pleasure as there were more guests and more members present than ever before. He felt that in such difficult times as those through which we were passing, the value of such gatherings, had a special significance when guests of all nationalities could meet in a formal manner and therefore in greater consciousness of the existence and value of friendship than would be possible at less formal social functions.

Difficult Rival

The exigencies of life had drawn them to a country where the structure of their national existence had been built up in a different manner from elsewhere and it was, therefore fitting that St. David's Society should entertain those who had been responsible for the maintenance of that structure and thanks were due to them for all they had done.

He welcomed the Presidents of the sister National Societies in the knowledge that they also shared the feelings of the Welsh on this their National Day for it was with the same spirit that they welcomed the Welsh at their own national anniversaries. It was a difficult period for Shanghai but the difficulties did not seem to be essentially different from those that were apparent in other parts of the world.

"We are celebrating," said Mr. Price, "the feast of our Patron Saint, probably the most aggressive demonstration of Welsh nationalism that could be made, but we do not retire to indulge in our inordinate passion for leeks all by ourselves. We have asked you to join with us here tonight because the fashion in other parts of the world seems to be for solitary feasting rather than a shared friendship and conviviality."

The President continued "It would be pleasant, after talking of troubles, to introduce a new note of optimism, remembering, however, that if politeness costs nothing, optimism may cost a great deal if not allied with the awareness of the possibilities which is a quality even more than optimism calls for at the present time.

He concluded by mentioning that Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, had just placed a new roof on his official residence, cheerful red tiles having replaced the old depressing blue and he hoped that this would be a symbol and happy augury of confidence in the future.

Sir Herbert Phillips, responding, expressed his pleasure that it had fallen to his lot to thank St. David's Society for their generous hospitality. He expressed diffidence in the task, however, as his spare time in these difficult times, left him little leizure to do justice to the subject and if he was commendably brief he hoped that it would meet with approval.

He mentioned the liberality of the Welsh, who though they were small in number and the junior of the four national societies of the British Isles, had for many years given a banquet and a ball to so many guests. "Our hosts," he said, "must be imbued with a keen veneration of their national day to justify such an outlay. There is a resurgence of Celtic spirit, a breath of mountain air in the atmosphere—not to mention the scent of daffodils and the leeks—the echo of rippling harps and the ancient war cries of the Welsh which, while they exhilarate, overawe the imagination of even the most phlegmatic Englishman."

Welsh Traits

The Welsh, he continued, were said to be impulsive, headstrong and an impatient people, quick in action, poets rather than philosophers, generous friends but implacable enemies. "I believe," he said, "that we are indebted for that ineradicable and undying love of freedom possessed by every true Briton, to the ancient forefathers of the Welsh. All the might of Rome could not stifle that noble sentiment and, later, when driven to their western fastnesses by barbarian invaders, the very name of Wales still breathed freedom and this tradition has been a glorious contribution to the ideals of democracy."

In Wales today there was an intense national feeling but behind it was a deep love and the expansion of Imperial sympathy. In the struggle for American independence, in developing the patriotism of the British colonies and in all British communities abroad, Welshmen had been among the foremost in devotion and energy. In concluding he said "I offer my sincere congratulations to St. David's Society upon the size of this distinguished gathering. It is no mean feat to entertain 260 guests at a banquet, which would be creditable to any national society and for St. David's it seems to me to be a fine achievement. I am sure we all pray that your Society will long flourish and will play its invaluable part in keeping alive the traditions of the Empire."

Mr. W. J. Keswick, President of St. Andrew's Society, replied on behalf of other national societies and the dinner closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau", "Land of my Fathers", and "God Save the King." After dinner the ball continued until a late hour and so terminated one of the most outstanding Welsh functions of recent years.

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Local Welshmen Remember War Dead

Members of St. David's Society yesterday laid a wreath on the War Memorial in honour of Welsh war dead. Upper picture shows Mr. R. J. E. Price, President, and Mr. T. S. Powell, Vice-President, carrying the wreath to the Memorial. Below, members of the Society at the ceremony.

"Yellow Way" Chief Offers Services

Says He Can Wipe Out All Terrorists in Shanghai

Zan Yu-ching, notorious chairman of the Yellow Way Society formerly operating in Hongkew who is himself wanted by the Settlement police for many pro-Japanese bombings and shootings is reported by the "Shun Pao" to have returned to Shanghai from Nanking. He is said now to be living in Range Road, Hongkew.

Claiming to have obtained information from most reliable sources, the report states that Zan has told his men that with the support of former members of his society he could wipe out terrorists who have been engaging the attention of the Settlement police during the past few weeks.

His proposal, it is stated, is to move all gambling houses in the western district to Nantao where he can handle the situation with ease. It is hinted that he will take the chance of controlling the gambling establishments. Owners of the establishments may oppose this move, however, since they have invested much money in the western district, it is stated. He will make necessary arrangements in the establishments so that terrorists will not hide there.

New Japan-Portugal Pact Report Denied

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

Replying to foreign correspondents, a spokesman for the Foreign Office today denied knowledge of a purported accord said to have been reached between Japan and Portugal through the intermediary of the Macao authorities. The "Asahi" newspapers had claimed the pact provided for recognition of Manchoukuo by Portugal, the conclusion of a trade agreement, Japanese co-operation in promoting the prosperity of Macao, the closing of the Nationalist-controlled Chinese Maritime Customs office in the Portuguese colony and the opening of a Japanese consulate there. Certain portions of the alleged agreement, the newspapers said, were already being enforced.—Domei.

Filatures Suspend Business

Shortage of Cocoons Result From Japanese Control

How the Japanese penetration of Chinese economic life in the interior also affects business in the Settlement in Shanghai is indicated by Chinese reports yesterday which state that on account of the alleged monopolistic control of production and sale of cocoons and silk in Kiangsu and Chekiang some silk filatures in the Settlement have been forced to suspend operations suffering a shortage of cocoons.

It is said that there are 45 Chinese silk filatures newly established in Shanghai because their managers did not want to co-operate with the Japanese. They had made big profits during the past year but now they have used up the 10,000 piculs of dried cocoons from Chekiang and are experiencing a shortage.

Some filatures have suspended operations because of this and whether they will resume operations in future depends on whether cocoons will be sent to Shanghai. The price of cocoons in Shanghai has gone up by two thirds as compared with the previous quotation. The price for one picul now is $400. There is a tendency to send cocoons to foreign countries for sale. The Japanese silk is said to be flooding the foreign market.

To control the silk business, the Japanese and "puppets" are stated to have organized the "Central China Cocoon and Silk Company" with which all silk filatures wishing to resume operations in the interior must register. Most silk filatures in Wusih have been brought under its control and those in Tangshi, Shingshih, and Kashing have suffered the same fate, it is reported.

The silk produced by these silk filatures is bought by a Japanese company and even the distribution of cocoons has been brought under the strict control of the new company. It is forbidden to transport cocoon's to Shanghai and all merchants buying cocoons in the interior must pay taxes. Chinese bank warehouses in the interior where cocoons are stored have been occupied and it means a loss to Chinese bankers.

Oddest party in screen history is staged in Paramount's "Cafe Society," in which beautiful Madeleine Carroll plays hostess at a "come-as-you-were-when-you-were-invited" party. Guests show up in everything from shower curtains to polo uniforms.

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"New Order Week" To Be Observed

Local Celebrations Begin Tomorrow; Tokyo Premier To Broadcast on Saturday

Shanghai Japanese and Chinese will participate in a mass movement in celebrating a "New Order Week" tomorrow, when radio programmes, lectures, placards and hand-bills will be used to promote the cause, the Japanese press reported yesterday.

Aeroplanes will scatter hand-bills over Shanghai, except in the foreign areas, while special radio programmes will be broadcast by stations XQHA and XOJB. Lectures sponsored by the Japanese Young Men's Association will be delivered in the "Tairiku Shimpo" Auditorium by officers of the Japanese Navy, Military, and the Consulate-General on Saturday night, the second day of the week's celebration, the papers said.

Placards proclaiming the "New Order" will be carried by buses, motor cars, rickshaws, and other vehicles, and will be posted in prominent places on the streets, which will be gaily beflagged with Rising Sun and Five-Barred ensigns, the dailies stated.

Slogans will be printed on theatre tickets, dime-a-dance tickets, and on wrappers of articles sold in stores. The two local Japanese newspapers will distribute special editions on Friday, the Japanese press reported.

Premier to Broadcast

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

The Premier, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, will broadcast an address extolling the "new order" movement over an international hook-up embracing Japan, Manchoukuo, and Japanese-occupied portions of China, at 7.30 o'clock on Saturday evening, it was announced here today. He will speak for 15 minutes.

Baron Hiranuma's address will be a feature of an elaborate programme providing for various events to mark the observance of a "New Order Week" from March 3 to March 9. He will stress, it was understood, the firm stand of the Japanese Empire in establishing a new order in East Asia.

The movement is being sponsored by Chinese authorities in collaboration with Japanese officials in occupied territories to promote economic and cultural co-operation between Japan, China and Manchoukuo so as to strengthen the anti-Comintern front among the three nations.—Domei.

21 Alleged Thieves In Court

Seventeen men and four women who are alleged to belong to a gang of thieves, who were arrested on Tuesday by officers from the Central Police Station, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. Five of the thief suspects were waylaid by the officers while they were alleged to be trying to steal from pedestrians near Shanse Road while the others were caught in a small hotel in Kiukiang Road believed to be their headquarters.

The favourite trick of the accused, it was alleged by the prosecution, was to have women members of the gang talk with rickshaw pullers or wheelbarrow men engaged in transporting goods while male members of the gang quickly relieved the victims of goods. The stolen goods were placed in a waiting rickshaw hired by the gang and pulled away by a member of the gang.

Japanese Tobacco Not Popular Here

Hongkew Residents Prefer Foreign Cigarettes

Japan's tobacco industry has failed to keep in step with other Japanese enterprises that have followed the Japanese military progress into Central China, the "Tairiku Shimpo" alleged yesterday. Regret at this development, the paper said, was being expressed among local Japanese tobacco dealers.

Attributing this phenomenon to the inferior quality of the tobacco itself and the unattractive designs on packages and tins, the paper said that even people in Japanese-occupied zones, including the Hongkew Japanese community, relish the fine quality of foreign brands of cigarettes in preference to the made-in-Japan products.

Only a microscopic group of smokers enjoy Japanese tobacco, the daily remarked, in pointing out that 90 per cent. of local Japanese cigarettes are consumed by the Japanese Military and Navy, while the remaining 10 per cent. are purchased by civilian smokers.

Cheapness is no advantage to the Japanese cigarettes, the paper commented, as coolies and rickshaw-pullers prefer Chinese-made cigarettes. Japanese who are accustomed to the taste of foreign brands of cigarettes are reluctant to follow the patriotic urge to purchase home-products when it comes to cigarettes, according to the Japanese daily.

"He would be a man of very rare taste who would want to smoke Japanese cigarettes when other equally cheap and finer cigarettes can be obtained," the "Tairiku Shimpo" declared.

Jews Lose Rumanian Citizenship

Bucharest, Mar. 1.

No less than 31,000 Jews have been deprived of Rumanian citizenship during the past three months, it was announced here last night. It is declared that a still greater number of Jews will be deprived of the right to citizenship by March 31.—Trans-Ocean.

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Policeman Killed in Affray

Robbers Steal Dead Constable's Pistol Before Escaping; Police Refrain From Shooting

A CHINESE constable of the Shanghai Municipal Police lost his life at 11.15 o'clock yesterday morning, when he courageously challenged four armed robbers just as they were leaving the premises of the An Loh Cotton Weaving Factory, at 34A Brenan Road, where they had stolen nearly $2,000 in bank-notes and a bundle of documents, after intimidating the office staff and forcing the accountant to unlock the safe.

When C.P.C. 2067, whose name was Zee Siao-tung, challenged the men who were running towards Yu Yuen Road, they opened fire, mortally injuring the constable with a shot through an eye. It is not known whether the victim had been able to make use of his service pistol as the gangsters had the audacity to pause and to steal the weapon, before continuing their escape.

Meanwhile, a number of "Ta Tao" constables on duty at their police station some 100 yards north of where the C.P.C. was killed, heard the shots and rushed to the verandah on the first floor, firing a total of eleven shots, none of which hit their targets however, whilst at least one of their bullets was said to have traversed a second-floor window of a house situated on the opposite side of the street.

Officer Unable To Fire

The gunmen then ran toward the entrance of Jessfield Park and, whilst three managed to make good their escape through an alley alongside the park on Yu Yuen Road, the fourth, dressed in a green jersey and looking of the student type, according to an eye-witness of the tragic encounter, leaped over the low fence of the grass-island, situated between the entrance of the Jessfield Park and Yu Yuen Road, where he paused for a while, apparently undecided as to how he could get away.

Chief-Insp. O. B. Perkins, officer in charge of Bubbling Well station, who had just arrived on the scene, ran across the street and was ready to fire on the thug, when two foreign ladies came out of the park gates and found themselves in the line of fire. Not wishing to endanger their lives, the officer refrained from shooting and during the second or two that followed, the thug took to his heels, running along Yu Yuen Road and finally making good his escape through Lane 1423, at the entrance of which, he dropped the bundle of documents that had been part of the Weaving Mill loot.

Inspr. Perkins had a very narrow escape as the gunman attempted to open fire on him, but his pistol jammed and then he turned to flee. The officer could not have returned fire unless the pedestrians scattered.

Sergt. L. W. Brace, who was standing near the telephone booth situated west of the Silver Taxi Depot on Yu Yuen Road, was also unable to fire for fear of endangering the lives of the many pedestrians standing near the scene.

An emergency ambulance arrived and conveyed the C.P.C. to the Police Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, however.

Reserve Unit Arrives

A few minutes later the Red Marias of the Reserve Unit arrived and patrolled the vicinity for well over an hour.

About 150 "Ta Tao" policemen, yesterday afternoon carried out a large raid in the vicinity of the Jessfield Park in "Ta Tao" territory, as they believed that the gangsters' hide-out might be there. At a late hour last night, it could not be learned whether any arrests were made during the raid or whether any arms were seized.

Officers under Det.-Insp. R. F. Tabrum, senior detective of Bubbling Well station, were busy yesterday afternoon and throughout the evening, questioning various eye-witnesses of the shooting affray and making detailed investigations into the affair, whilst ballistic experts examined bullets and cartridge cases found at the scene.

The experts, after having examined the cartridge case found at the spot where Inspr. Perkins narrowly escaped with his life, and checking on their records, found that the pistol had been used on 23 previous criminal occasions. This marks the gang as one of the most desperate which has operated in the Settlement.

It was not held unlikely last night that the four men concerned in yesterday's armed robberies, were members of the same gang which engaged a police van on Brenan Road near Robison Road a few days ago, when a Chinese detective of the S.M.P. was killed.

The premises where the robbery was perpetrated, as well as the lanes through which the desperadoes escaped, are all in "Ta Tao" territory.

Many Returning to Canton

Utility Services Resume Operations; Conditions Of Living Now Bettered

Canton, Mar. 1.

The Chinese population of Canton is reported to have passed the 700,000 mark following the decision of the authorities to allow ferry-junks to resume sailing between the city and inland points. Thousands of people, who fled into surrounding countryside on the advent of the Japanese, are now flocking back by means of these ferry-junks.

No less than 100,000 persons are said to have entered the city from neighbouring villages during the past ten days. In the main, however, they are of the very poor class, and will have to be supported by friends or the authorities until they find jobs.

Living conditions in the city have taken a great stride forward in the past few days. The majority of the streets are again brilliantly lit at night, with the restoration of electric power, while tap water and even telephones are again available in most districts.

With a view to expediting completion of the gigantic task, the Japanese military authorities are lending a hand in cleaning up the city.

In many areas, Japanese soldiers may now be seen working side by side with Chinese coolies in removing debris and giving streets a much-needed washing.

As soon as the work of clearing up the roads is finished, the authorities intend to increase the present rather limited transportation facilities.—Reuter.

Chicago Mayor Wins Democrat Primary

Mr. "Big Bill" Thompson Heavily Defeated

Chicago, Feb. 28.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly won the Democratic mayorality nomination for the 1940 elections here today, piling up almost a two-to-one plurality over his nearest opponent, Mr. Thomas Courtney, on the basis of almost complete returns.

Mr. William "Big Bill" Thompson, former mayor of Chicago and one of the most colourful politicians in the city's history, went down to defeat in the Republican mayorality primary under a landslide for Mr. Dwight Green. Mr. Thompson, mayor of Chicago when gangsterdom was at its height, was trailing his Republican opponent almost 4 to 1.

Latest returns:

DEMOCRATIC (2,800 precincts)	
Kelly	463,525
Courtney	243,015
REPUBLICAN (2,900 precincts)	
Green	165,253
Thompson	48,378

Democrats were polling almost three times as many votes as the combined Republican vote.—United Press.

More Italian Troops To Go to Libya

Lord Perth Informed of Fascist Intentions

London, Feb. 28.

Italy intends to send important reinforcements to Libya "because of the recent despatch of new French troops to Tunisia," Lord Perth, British Ambassador in Rome, was understood to have been informed yesterday by Signor G. Bastianini, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Signor Bastianini explained that his Government's measures would be justified by "the French reinforcements in Tunisia, because Italy cannot transport new troops to Africa as swiftly as can France."

Lord Perth expressed his regrets over these contemplated measures, it was stated.—Havas.

One Killed, 26 Injured In Rangoon Fight

Police Open Fire During Village Affray

Rangoon, Feb. 28.

One Moslem was killed, and seventeen Hindus and nine Moslems were injured, in a communal fight last night. The dead man was stabbed to death by a gurkha who had attacked his sister. The man tried to rescue her. A fight ensued with sticks and brickbats being freely used. The police immediately began patrolling the area.

It was revealed here today that at least one person was killed, and five injured, when police opened fire during a communal affray in a village near Shwebo on February 24. Seventy Moslem dwellings, it is stated, were burnt down by Burmans during this encounter.—Reuter.

Casket of George V Moved

London, Feb. 28.

The casket containing the remains of King George V was moved today from the Royal Chapel in Windsor Castle, where it had rested until now. It was placed today in the special sarcophagus constructed in the nave of the Chapel of St. George.—Havas.

Germany Not Wanted In Tanganyika

Federation Formed to Keep Territory British

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Bulawayo, Feb. 28.

"Europe has learned to define patriotism as the desire to kill one's neighbour, and that is one of the reasons why we do not want Germany as our neighbour in Africa," declared Mr. Holdengarde, the Mayor of Bulawayo, opening the African Colonial Conference here today.

The Conference, known as the "Hands Off Africa" Conference, decided to form itself into a federation of all colonial leagues for the protection of Africa.

The Conference will bear the name of the African Defence Federation.

The first object of the Federation will be to "retain for all time Tanganyika territory, and South-West Africa within the British Commonwealth of Nations."—Reuter.

Germany Celebrates Air Force Day

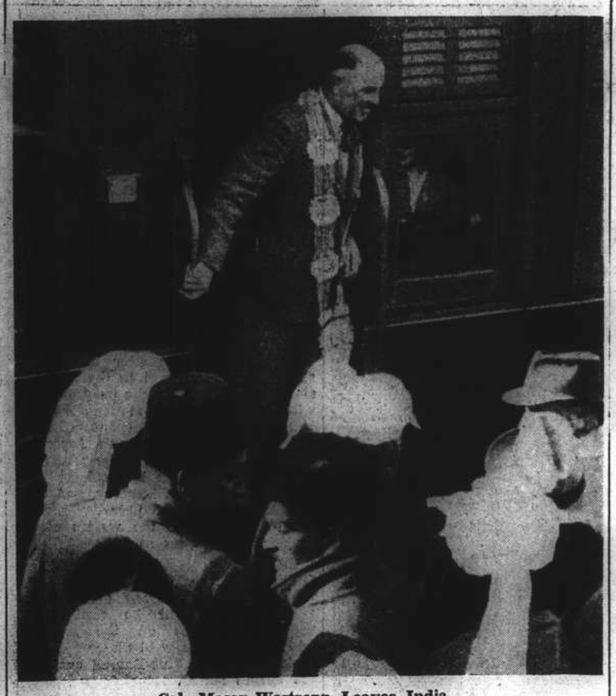
New Balloon Barrage Shown People

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Berlin, Mar. 1.

Germany is celebrating Air Force Day with a mass flight over Berlin by the famous Richthofen Squadron, a review of air force units and a demonstration of the new balloon barrage defences.

In a speech outlining the history of the German air force, Field-Marshall Hermann Goering, Minister of Aeronautics, said: "Our air force is already a terror to our enemies, and must remain so."—Reuter.



Col. Massy-Westropp Leaves India

Col. R. F. H. Massy-Westropp, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion the Lancashire Fusiliers who were recently in Shanghai, is seen at Quetta, India, leaving to take up the position of Brigadier in command of the 165th Infantry Brigade, No. 55 Division, at Liverpool. As the photograph shows, he was given an enthusiastic send-off at Quetta.

Move to Limit U.S. Silver Buying Defeated

Mr. Henry Morgenthau Defends President's Devaluation Powers and Bullion Programme

Washington, Feb. 28.

BY the narrow margin of 155 votes to 135, the House of Representatives today defeated an amendment to the Treasury Appropriations Bill which would have limited the Treasury's purchases of silver to domestic newly-mined metal. The amendment had earlier been approved by a standing vote of 130 to 128, which was reversed by a subsequent teller vote.

The sponsor of the amendment was Mr. John Taber, Republican of New York, who asserted that the United States, as a result of the Treasury's foreign silver purchases, had been paying for the Sino-Japanese and Spanish wars.

Testifying before the Coinage Committee of the House of Representatives today, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, strongly urged renewal of the emergency powers covering the Stabilization Fund and dollar devaluation which are to expire on June 30.

The power to devalue the dollar, he maintained, had been "a warning to the world that we are ready and able to defend the position of this country in world trade and to protect American goods from intensive competition in the United States market."

Mr. Morgenthau refrained from specifically recommending renewal of the emergency powers authorizing the purchase of newly-mined silver, but he drew attention to the fact that these powers would expire on June 30 and, under the proposed bill, would be extended until January 1, 1941.

Dollar Valuation Powers

Urging renewal of President authority to change the gold value of the dollar, Mr. Morgenthau made it clear that the Administration did not intend to change the dollar unless an emergency were to arise, but he strongly favoured the retention of this power as a "reserve weapon."

It would be unwise, he asserted, for the United States to "tie its hands" by permanently fixing the gold value of the dollar at a time when no other country of importance had taken such action. The fact that the United States had kept the gold value of the dollar through the international monetary disturbances of the past five years should, he said, be adequate assurance that the Administration neither desired nor intended to alter the gold value of the dollar except under circumstances clearly demanding such action.—Reuter.

Washington, Feb. 28.

For the first time Mr. Morgenthau revealed the stabilization fund's confidential balance sheet which showed extensive operations involving Chinese currency. The balance sheet showed that the Treasury never employed more than $200,000,000 from the fund and also showed that net profits since 1934 amounted to $9,874,447. They also showed that one of the fund's chief operations was to stabilize the relative values of the United States dollar and the Chinese dollar in accordance with an agreement with the Chinese Government.

Mr. Morgenthau said the United States silver buying policy had aided China. He said he did not believe the United States had forced China off the silver standard. "Silver purchases by the United States," he said, "have been most helpful to China."

Mr. Compton White, Democratic Representative of Idaho, asked whether stabilization fund operations between the United States and Britain was proving a disturbing factor. "If you don't mind my disagreeing," Mr. Morgenthau replied. "I believe it is having just the opposite effect."—United Press.

Kunming-Lashio Road Not Yet Complete

Rangoon, Feb. 28.

Careful enquiries regarding the Kunming-Lashio road reveal that at least one stretch is not yet fit for travel.

Heavy lorries can only move at a crawl, and it is confidently stated that no appreciable amount of war material could be transported to China through Burma.—Reuter.

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Exchange Control In North China

Announcements Expected After March 10; Central Notes to Be Worthless

Peiping, Mar. 1.

On March 10, when old legal notes will go out of circulation in North China, the "Provisional Government" expects to exercise control over foreign exchange and decrees to that effect are expected to be issued shortly, according to Chinese reports.

Exchange control has been in force in Tsingtao, and the experiment there is stated to have proved successful.

When exporting goods other than cotton, hides and minerals, the export of which is now subject to restrictions, exporters are required to sell their export bills to the "Federal Reserve Bank" at the rate of 14 pence for exports to foreign countries, and at the rate of $1 to one yen for exports to Japan and Manchoukuo.

The authorities here are considering ways and means to "eliminate difficulties that are in the way."—Reuter.

Warning to Residents

Attention of Shanghai's Japanese public was drawn to the increasing influx here of "northern bank notes" by an article in the "Tairiku Shimpo," a local Japanese daily, yesterday.

With the growing strength of the Federal Reserve Bank of China, bank-notes issued by the northern branches of the Bank of China, the Central Bank of China, and the Bank of Communications, which were legal tender under the old régime, will be made invalid in North China after March 10 in pursuance of a "Provisional Government" Ministry of Finance Ordinance promulgated on March 10 of last year, the daily said.

As the time limit set for the withdrawal from circulation of these northern bank-notes approaches, Chinese in the north are exchanging the old notes for foreign currencies and gold whenever possible, the paper declared. As a result, many of these bank notes are appearing in Shanghai, the daily warned.

Smuggled Notes

Shanghai people were cautioned against bank notes bearing the imprint of Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, and other North China cities, which are being smuggled into Shanghai. These notes are being put into circulation by Chinese merchants here, the Japanese journal alleged.

Notes of small denomination, especially those less than one dollar, represent the majority of the northern notes which have been detected here, the "Tairiku Shimpo" added.

Six Killed in Boston Tram Wreck

Boston, Feb. 28.

Six persons were killed and at least a score injured today when a tram overturned after jumping the rails near Franklin Park at Dorchester.—United Press.

C.I.O. Leader Accepts Labour Peace Plea

Washington, Feb. 28.

Mr. John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organization, addressed a letter to President Roosevelt today agreeing to open "peace negotiations" with the American Federation of Labour. Mr. Lewis took this step in answer to a plea by the President, who asked the A.F.O.L. and C.I.O. concluded peace in the cause of unified labour in the United States.—Havas.

Japan Closes Consulates In Manchoukuo

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

Japanese consulates-general at Mukden and at Tsitsihar as well as consulates at Kirin, Yenchi, Chinchow, Chifeng, Jehol City and vice-consulates at Antung, Paichengtze and Halunarshan, in Manchoukuo, were closed today, it was announced here.—Domei.

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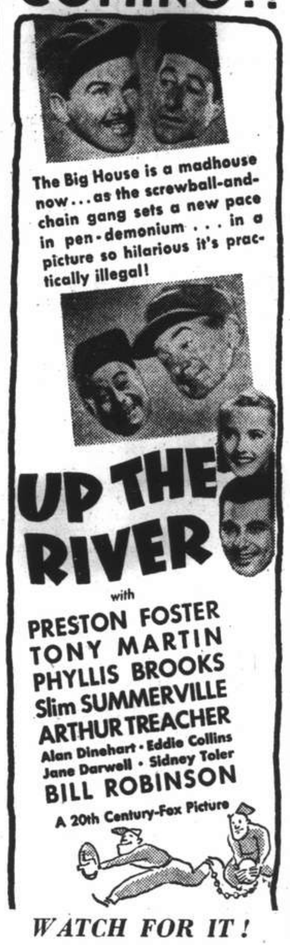

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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 3/32	$ 29.65
U.S. $100 @ 15 13/16	$632.41

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 3/16	$29.312
U.S. $100 @ 16	$625.00
London—demand	8 3/16
4 months' sight credits	8 7/32
4 months' sight docts	8 7/32
6 months' sight credits	8¼
6 months' sight docts	8 9/32
New York—demand	U.S. $16
4 months' sight credits	16 1/16
4 months' sight docts	16 3/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling .... 8⅛ U.S. $15⅞
Hongkong/London 1/2 29/32

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 15¾	$634.92
Hongkong $54	$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	30¼
Java Guilders	,,	30⅛
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	29¾
Java Guilders	,,	29⅝

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$625.000	£1=$29.312
Selling	U.S.$100=$632.411	£1=$29.653

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.93¾=$1 Belgas 27.73=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 2.94=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.69¼=$1
Tourist Lire 3.25 .... $1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39.60
$100=Reg. Mk. 75.00 incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8⅛	8⅛
U.S. G.$	15⅞	15⅞
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Selling Cash			Buying March
£ T.T.	8 3/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8 3/16
G.$ T.T.	15 13/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16
Fcs. T.T.	596	4 m/s.	609
Rs. T.T.	45⅛	15*d/s.	45½

BAR SILVER

	Ready	For'd
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/16	19 13/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	52.10	—
Bombay offtake 30 bars.		

London silver was 1/16 up for ready and 1/16 up forward, being 20 1/16 for ready and 19 13/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was 3 annas down at 52.10.

It was reported Bears covered. India bought. Offerings were small. Market steady. After the official fixing the market was rather dull, with small sellers at the fixed rate.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 3/32 sterling and 15 13/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers and buyers at 8⅛ sterling for Cash the selling at the opening being mainly in support of the market. Later there was a steadier tone and the market closed with sellers at:—

8⅛ sterling	15⅞	U.S.$	Cash
8 5/32 ,,	15 15/16	,,	Mar.
8 5/32 ,,	15 31/32	,,	Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Feb. 28.

Japan	78⅜	London	1/5 15/16
New York	35⅝	2 mths.	
Shanghai	47½	,, (Sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	85¾	,, (Buyers)	1/5 15/16

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.81	Shanghai	8⅛d N
Paris	176.90	Bombay	1/5 31/32
Berlin	11.68½	Hongkong	1/2 29/32
Amsterdam	8.82⅛	Singapore	2/3 15/16
Brussels	27.87	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	,, (Buying)	Unq.
Milan	89.15	C'slovakia	136.93
Berne	20.62		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13	Japan	27.34
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.00
Holland	54.11½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.65	C'slovakia	3.42⅞
Brussels	16.82	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.74½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.14	Greece	0.86⅛
Norway	23.56	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.93	Finland	2.07½
Montreal	99.625	Poland	18.91
Brazil	5.90		
London			4.68¾
London Demand			4.68 11/16
London Bankers' 60 days bills			4.68 3/32
London Commercial 60 days bills			4.68 1/32
Buenos Aires Paper			29.06
Buenos Aires Paper Market rate			23.10
Montreal on London			4.70⅝

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Feb. 28.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 1.	Closing Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Antamok	.45	.455
Atok	.35	.35
Balatoc	9.50	9.40
Batong Buhay	.021	.021
Benguet Consolidated	13.40	—
Big Wedge	.33	.33
Coco Grove	.455	.45
Demonstration	.155	.155
I X L	.62	.63
Masbate	—	.155
North Camarines	.67	.67
San Mauricio	1.80	1.84
Surigao Con., Com.	.23	.22
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	—	—
Suyoc	.215	.22
United Paracale	.64	.65

Turnover: 487,000 Pesos.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Feb. 28.

The stock exchange today again opened somewhat weaker. Siemens lost 2½ at 196, Daimlerbenz went down 1¼ at 134, Julius Berger dropped 1¾ points to 144 while Dortmunder Union gained 1.5 reaching 218. Transactions were relatively few.

Call money was quoted at 2⅞ to 3⅛.—Trans-Ocean.

Reichsmark Rates

Berlin, Feb. 28.

The Reichsmark was quoted today at New York, U.S.$ 40.14=Rm. 100; Paris, Frs. 1,515=Rm. 100; Amsterdam G. 75.43½ to 75.47½=Rm. 100; London, £1=Rm. 11.69¼.

Paris quoted sterling at Frs. 176.95 to 177.00 for £1 and Gold Dollars at Frs. 37.72¼ to 37.73 for U.S.$1.—Trans-Ocean

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The morning session saw a very active market with rising prices, owing to a more satisfactory outlook in the situation of the S.M.C. vis-a-vis the Japanese Authorities.

A large turnover was seen in the following stocks:—

Loans. 18,000 shares. Opening at $5.85 and closing at $6.05 with buyers at $6.00 and sellers at $6.10.

New Engineering (Ord) 13,000 shares were done at rates between $6.85 and $7.00, closing with buyers at $6.85 and sellers at $6.90.

Wheelocks, 3045 shares were done at $35 and $35¼.

China Realty. This issue accounted for 6,500 shares at .89 cents and 88 cents, closing with sellers at $0.91.

Ewos. At prices between $18.20 and $18.40 just under 10,000 shares changed hands.

Yangtsze Finance accounted for 3,500 shares at $6.80 and $6.85.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
150.29	105.32	General	140.15	+1.24
149.61	95.55	Rubbers	140.82	—0.30

Total 91,156 shares, 160 bonds.

Morning Session

$10,000	S. M. C. 6% Debs.	$ 85.75
$5,000	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	93.00
T1,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 57.50
2,000	China Realty	$ 0.88
800	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.25
2,145	Wheelock	35.00
1,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.85
500	S'hai Land	9.60
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
1,500	Exploration	8.90
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
1,000	China Realty	0.89
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
500	S'hai Land	9.65
4,000	New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
1,000	Yangtsze Finance	6.80
500	S'hai Land	9.70
500	New Eng. (Ord)	7.00*
2,100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
1,000	Rubber Trust	3.97½
1,500	S'hai Loan	5.85
1,200	Kaiping	25.00
1,000	S'hai Loan	5.90
50	S'hai Dock	96.50
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
600	Anglo Java	15.50
500	Metal Ind. of China	6.10
500	S'hai Land	9.60
500	Metal Ind. of China	6.10
1,000	Seremban	1.60
3,000	New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
500	Kaiping	25.25
500	Exploration	8.90
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2,000	Cheng	0.52
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.40
2,000	S'hai Loan	5.90
500	Exploration	8.90
1,500	Yangtsze Finance	6.85
1,500	S'hai Loan	5.95
500	Exploration	8.95
200	Wheelock	35.25
72	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.00
500	Anglo Dutch	10.00
3,700	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
100	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.25
3,000	Kroewoek	1.29
2,000	S'hai Loan	5.95
1,000	Java Consolidated	2.57½
2,000	Cheng	0.53
1,000	I. I. Trust	3.47½
3,000	S'hai Loan	6.00
100	Wheelock	35.25
500	S'hai Loan	5.95
3,000	S'hai Loan	6.00
200	Anglo Java	15.50
100	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.25
500	S'hai Land	9.50
2,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
1,000	I. I. Trust	3.45
400	Wheelock	35.25
500	Yangtsze Finance	6.80
3,150	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
1,000	Senawang	0.99
2,000	I. I. Trust	3.47½
50	H. & S. Bank	HK$1,385.00*
100	Wheelock	$ 35.25
75	S'hai Telephone	71.50
100	Wheelock	35.00
1,000	Semambu	0.90
500	Yangtsze Finance	6.85
1,000	S'hai Loan	6.00
500	Int. Assurance	8.55
3,500	China Realty	0.89
2,500	S'hai Loan	6.05
500	Int. Assurance	8.50
1,000	Exploration	9.00
10,000	Kelantan	0.42
100	Anglo Java	15.50
1,000	Rubber Trust	4.00
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.40
1,000	Kroewoek	1.30
10	S. W. W. "A" £20	640.00
500	Exploration	8.95

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88	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 18.40
100	S'hai Land	9.70
15	S'hai Loan	5.75
30	Exploration	8.85
350	China Realty	0.87
100	S'hai Loan	5.75
100	S'hai Land	9.75
100	I. I. Trust	3.50
600	Kota	2.67½
100	S'hai Loan	5.75
400	Kroewoek	1.28
1	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.50
5	S'hai Dock	96.50
75	Bakerite	12.25
220	S'hai Land	9.50
100	Exploration	8.90
500	Java Consolidated	2.60
200	S'hai Loan	5.95
25	S'hai Dock	97.00
100	Int. Assurance	8.60
1	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.40
40	Culty Dairy	19.00
9	S'hai Dock	96.00
35	Exploration	8.90

*—Outport Business.

U.S. Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 28.

Cotton futures opened firm on higher Liverpool cables and strengthened in active trading on trade and foreign buying and short covering, together with favourable conditions in the textiles trade, closing at the day's highs with prices up 4 to 9 points from yesterday's closing quotations.

The market for raw rubber futures, after initial easiness under realising, resumed the up-trend on the steadiness of the London market coupled with a continued consumer demand and some new speculative buying. Prices finished the session from 2 to 20 points above the previous final levels.

Wheat futures in Chicago reflected the continued weakness abroad and further reports of favourable weather, although the undertone appeared fairly steady. At the final bell, prices ranged from unchanged to ⅛ cent per bushel lower.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Mar.	8.64-65	+05	Mar.	16.75-77	+20
May	8.26-26	+04	May	16.70-73	+07
July	8.06-06	+09	July	16.63-63	+02
Oct.	7.61-61	+06	Sept.	16.63-66	+03
Dec.	7.54-55	+05			
Jan.	7.54-54	+04			

New York Sugar No. 4	New York Silk
Mar. 1.15½-17 unch. B/A	Mar. (No. 1 Cont.)
May 1.14B-15A +1	2.14B-16A +3

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May 68⅛-63¼	—⅛	May 48⅝-48¾	unc.
July 68¼-68⅜	unc.	July 50¼-50⅛	+¼
Sept. 69-69⅛	—⅛	Sept. 50⅞-51	+¼

Winnipeg Wheat

May	62-62⅛	unch.
July	62⅝-62¾	unch.
Oct.	63¾-63¼	unch.

A—Asked. B—Bid.—Reuter.

Indian Duty on Cotton Imports

New Delhi, Mar. 1.

The import duty on raw cotton is being doubled from today.—Reuter.

Broadway Mansions Sale Confirmed

The Shanghai Land Investment Company, after a period of negotiations with a Japanese financial group, accepted their offer for the purchase of Broadway Mansions and garage, the price being $5,100,000.

The terms of purchase are cash on the signing of the sale agreement and possession of the property. Certain legal formalities have to be concluded and it is anticipated that these will be completed shortly.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 28.

A gradual improvement of prices accompanied by an increased turnover characterised the action of the stock market today. After a steady opening, the market moved irregularly upward, although the ealier gains were not fully maintained owing to profit taking, chiefly in aviations, which was readily absorbed. With business news favourable, operators mostly looked to an irregular extension of the advance over the near term. The turnover today amounted to 1,060,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	148.16	146.76	147.30	+0.68
20 Rails	32.82	31.93	32.48	+0.87
15 Utilit.	26.11	25.61	25.85	+0.25
40 Bonds	—	—	90.96	+0.19
11 Commod.	—	—	48.30	+0.18

	Feb. 27	28
Adams Express	9½	9½
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	23½	23⅝
Allied Stores	10¼	10¼
Allis Chalmers	42¾	43½
Amerada Corp.	62¾	61
Amer. Can	92⅞	93½
Amer. & For. Power	3⅛	3¼
,, pfd.	17¾	18⅛
Amer. Locomotive	26¼	26¾
Amer. Metal	35	35⅝
Amer. Radiator	16½	16¾
Amer. Rolling Mill	18⅞	19
Amer. Smelting	45½	46¼
Amer. Sugar Refining	—	21⅛
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	158½	158¾
Amer. Tobacco "B"	86½	87
Amer. Waterworks	13⅞	13¾
Anaconda Copper	30	30⅝
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	37	38⅜
Auburn	4⅛	3⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅝	6⅞
Barber Asphalt Corp.	B 17⅜	18
Barnsdall Oil Co.	16¼	16⅜
Bendix Aviation	27⅞	27⅛
Bethlehem Steel	73	74¼
Boeing Airplane Co.	31½	30½
Borg Warner	26¾	27¼
Briggs Mfg. Co.	26⅜	26⅝
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans	12⅞	12½
,, $6 cum. pfd.	—	39½
Can. Pacific Rly.	5	5
Case, J.I.	86¾	88½
Celanese Corp.	23	23⅛
Chase Nat. Bank	B 32¼	B 32¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	36⅛	37¼
Chrysler	78⅛	80
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8¼	8¼
,, 6% "A" pfd.	B 84⅞	87½
Coml. Credit	55	55
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1¾	1¾
,, $6 cum. pfd.	62⅞	63⅛
Consolid. Edison	33¾	34
Consolid. Oil	8½	8⅝
Continental Can	39¾	40½
Continental Oil	26½	26½
Corn Products	65½	66
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6¾	6½
,, "A"	26¼	26
Deere & Co.	20⅝	21⅛
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	20	20¼
Douglas Aircraft	73¼	72½
Du Pont de Nemours	150¼	149
Eagle Picher Lead	11½	11½
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	24½	25
Elec. Auto Lite	32½	33⅜
Elec. Bond & Share	11¾	12
,, $5 pfd.	—	—
,, $6 pfd.	70	70⅛
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	39	39½
Flintkote	28¾	29
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	59	59¼
Gen. Elec.	41½	41⅝
Gen. Motors	49	49½
Gen. Rly. Signal	24	24
Glidden Co.	20¾	21½
Goodrich (B.F.)	22	22⅜
,, $5 pfd.	Unq.	65⅝
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	34⅜	34½
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	14⅞	15
Great Nthrn. Rly.	27⅞	28¾
Great Western Sugar	25⅜	26
Greyhound Corp.	19⅜	19⅝
Hecker Products	11½	11½
Homestake Min.	64¾	65
Int. Nickel	53	*52⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9½	9¾
Johns Manville	94¼	95¼
Kennecott	37⅞	37⅞
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	*49½	50⅞
Lockheed Aircraft	34¼	33½
Loew's Inc.	49⅞	50½
Manhattan Shirt Co.	11¾	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	38½	37½
Monsanto Chemical	99¾	*99¾
Montgomery Ward	51⅝	51¾
Nat. City Bank	B 24¼	B 24½
Nat. Dairy Products	14½	15
Nat. Distillers	28	28¼
Nat. Gypsum	14¼	14¾
Nat. Lead	24⅛	24
Nat. Power & Lt.	8⅞	8¾
Nat. Supply Co.	12⅝	12¾
New York Central	19¼	20
North Amer. Aviation	18½	18½
North Amer.	25⅞	25⅞
Northern Pacific	12⅛	12½
Pacific Gas & Elec.	32¾	33½
Pacific Lighting	47½	47⅞
Packard Motors	4	4⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	11⅛	11⅛
Pennsylvania R.R.	21½	22¼
Phelps Dodge	39⅞	40⅝
Phillips Petroleum	39⅛	39⅜
Public Serv. of N.J.	37	*36½
Pullman, Inc.	35⅜	36
Pure Oil	9¼	9½
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7¼	7⅜
Republic Steel Co.	21⅝	21⅞
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38⅜	38½
Schenley	16¼	16⅛
,, 5½% pfd.	70	—
Sears Roebuck	73	73½
Shell Union Oil	13⅜	13⅞
Socony Vacuum	12½	12¼
Sthrn. Pacific	18	18½
Sthrn. Rly. pfd.	29½	30
Sperry Corp.	46¼	45¾
Stand. Brands	6⅞	7
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3½	3⅞
Stand. Oil of N.J.	49	48½
Stone & Webster	15⅜	15¾
Swift International	27⅝	27¼
Technicolor	19½	19⅝
Texas Corp.	43½	43
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30⅛	*29⅞
Transamerica	6⅞	6⅞
Tw. Century Fox Film	23¾	24⅛
,, ,, pfd.	31¼	32
Un. Carbide & Carbon	84⅛	84⅞
Un. Pacific	100	102¼
Un. Aircraft	41¼	40¼
Un. Air Lines Trans.	12⅜	12½
Un. Corp.	3½	3½
,, $3 cum. pfd.	38	38¼
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅞	2⅞
Un. Gas Improvement	13	12⅞
U. S. Rubber	48⅛	49
,, 8% pfd.	104	105⅜
U. S. Steel	62⅞	63¾
Vanadium	26⅝	26⅞
Warner Bros. Pcts.	5⅞	5⅝
Westinghouse Elec.	111¾	112½
Woodward Iron	24	24½

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	56	56¾
Brazil	11½	11½
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	22¼	22
Cities Serv.	82¾	83¾
Erie R.R.	12⅜	12¾
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	72	72½
New England Gas & Elec.	61⅛	66
Peru	9⅜	9¼
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	52½	53¾
Stand. Gas & Elec.	65⅞	65⅞

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCKS

	Feb. 21	28
Air Associates	8	B 8½
Alaska Juneau	9½	9¾
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdry.	44	47½
Ass. Gas & Elec.	6⅝	B 6½
Atlan. Gulf & W.	B 11½	B 12⅛
Atlan. Refining	21	21¼
Atlas Corp.	8	8¼
Baltimore & Ohio $4 pfd.	7⅜	9
Bank of Amer.	B 33½	B 35½
Borden Co.	19⅜	20¼
Chesapeake Corp.	B 20	23
Chic. & North Western	0¾	0⅞
Coml. Solvents	12⅞	13
Consumers Pwr. $4.50 pfd.	95¼	B 95½
Corn Products 7% pfd.	B 173	173
Coty Inc.	5¼	6
Crane Co.	30¼	33⅞
Delaware & Hudson	19¼	23⅛
Dist. Corp. Seagrams	B 81	B 83
Elec. Boat Co.	12⅞	12¾
Elec. Power & Lt.	10⅝	11⅞
Elec. Storage Battery	B 29½	30
Freeport Sulphur	B 23¾	23½
Gen. Cigar	24	23½
Gen. Foods	39⅞	41
Gen. Mills	76	75¼
Granby Cons.	6	6⅜
Int. Dept. Stores	B 12½	14
Lorillard	23⅛	23⅝
Masonite Corp.	49¼	52
Mountain City Copper	4⅞	5⅛
Mueller Brass	B 22½	25
Nash Kelvinator	7¾	8¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	79	84⅞
Niagara Hudson Power	8⅝	9
Patino Mines	B 11	11⅝
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	25	26¼
Sthrn. Rly. com.	18⅜	21¼
Sterling Products	70⅜	72¾
Texas Pacific Land Trust	8⅛	8⅛
Tidewater Ass. Oil	12⅞	12⅞
Timken Detroit Axle	14½	16
Un. Biscuit	B 15⅞	16⅞
Un. Light & Power "A"	B 2⅜	2¾
U. S. Pipe & Fdry.	*45¾	46⅜
U. S. Realty & Imp.	4⅜	4⅝
U. S. Smelt. Ref.	54¾	57½
Westinghouse Air Brakes	26	28¼
Yellow Truck & Coach	17½	18⅞
Youngstown Sheet	45⅞	49

WEEKLY CLOSING BONDS

	Feb. 20	27
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate	A 23½	21¾
Argentine	76	77⅛
Bethlehem Steel	102¼	102½
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	78	78
Chic., Milwaukee, St.	9	10¼
Colombia Gas & Elec.	101	101¼
Denver & Rio Grande	B 11¾	B 11½
Elec. Power & Lt.	78¼	78½
Minas Geraes	B 6½	B 7⅝
Mortgage Bank	26	B 26⅛
Nat. Power & Lt.	102¼	99¼
,, ,, "B"	99	103
New England Power Ass.	97½	97¾
New York, Chic. & St.	B 64	B 69½
Oklahoma	105½	B 105½
Oslo	101½	B 100⅛
Republic of Colombia	22⅝	B 21½
Republic Steel	91¾	93
Rio Grande do Sul	B 8½	B 7½
Sao Paulo	A 7¾	B 6¾
Sthrn. Rly.	67	72

A—Asked. B—Bid. *—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today advanced up to two points, largely as the result of a statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, that no new financing is planned for March. Buying interest later slackened, although offerings were light. Silk "spot" touched a new high since 1935, and the trading volume increased; however, February volume was the lowest for that month since 1921. Bonds moved higher, many issues reaching new highs for 1939, while stocks on the Curb Exchange also moved upward.

China's Jan. Foreign Trade

Net Imports Amount to $84,538,530 And Exports to $67,435,073

ACCORDING to the monthly returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs covering foreign trade of this country, net imports during January 1939 totalled $84,538,530, net exports $67,-435,073. This shows considerable increase over the corresponding figures of 1938 of $59,089,839 and $43,098,286.

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawals)

	January 1939 C.S.$	January 1938 C.S.$
Cotton P. G. Grey	315,021	12,327
Piece white or dyed	363,963	89,482
Piece printed	26,817	2,720
Piece miscellaneous	73,941	6,395
Cotton raw, yarn	7,326,862	793,023
Cotton manu., sundry	212,841	99,238
Flax, ramie, hemp	2,118,785	1,127,296
Woll and manu.	1,119,325	446,680
Silk	2,550,003	42,758
Metals and ores	5,198,140	5,240,591
Machinery and tools	6,863,350	2,982,010
Vehicles and vessels	1,897,310	3,026,925
Metal manu.	3,325,122	2,352,081
Fishery products	1,540,123	448,939
Canned goods	1,065,964	471,776
Cereals and flour	6,281,890	6,135,365
Fruits, seeds	3,313,484	185,981
Medicinal goods	823,591	237,876
Sugar	2,709,494	389,144
Wines, beer	318,110	60,073
Tobacco	3,430,881	1,702,131
Pharmaceuticals	3,600,341	1,414,285
Dyes, varnishes	2,455,093	610,749
Candles, resins, etc.	10,557,400	7,109,818
Books, maps, paper	5,819,991	2,513,711
Hides, leather, etc.	436,940	142,289
Timber	1,731,318	554,203
Bamboo, straw, etc.	1,151,558	199,889
Coal, fuel, tar	2,488,354	361,258
Chinaware, etc.	459,799	232,817
Stone, earth	387,627	126,204
Sundry	4,575,092	19,971,805
Grand Total	84,538,530	59,089,839

Net Exports

	C.S.$	C.S.$
Animal products	12,819,047	6,123,160
Hides, leather	1,538,941	901,570
Fish products	271,090	233,364
Beans and peas	880,838	115,459
Cereals	1,487,356	33,345
Dyestuffs, vegetables	46,520	90,257
Fruits, preserves	2,094,214	1,074,840
Medicinals	1,031,757	653,420
Oils, tallow, wax	3,425,905	3,687,531
Seeds	2,035,814	1,178,815
Spirituous beverages	109,538	96,798
Sugar	72,083	11,656
Tea	2,152,077	1,425,425
Tobacco	1,852,476	516,159
Vegetables	861,099	632,214
Vegetable products	741,096	217,186
Bamboo	116,772	192,957
Fuel	1,592,403	1,559,378
Rattan	6,046	7,367
Timber	206,230	223,987
Paper	487,336	457,177
Textile fibres	9,380,197	5,344,039
Yarn, thread	5,776,591	2,248,780
Piece goods	2,894,325	1,368,050
Other textiles	1,780,615	890,930
Ores, metals	6,974,738	10,636,534
Glass, glassware	96,498	38,376
Stone, earth	554,634	266,750
Chemicals	1,050,684	323,960
Printed matter	308,769	316,704
Sundry	4,689,384	2,232,098
Grand Total	67,435,073	43,098,286

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES:
VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER: BY COUNTRIES.

Imported From	Gold January 1939 G.U.	Gold January 1938 G.U.	Silver January 1939 $	Silver January 1938 $
Hongkong		1,279,563		
Japan			824	
Total Imports		1,279,563	824*	
Exported To				
Hongkong	198,656	30,549	128,474	35,880,086
Kwangchowwan Leased Territory			2,943	
Total Exports	198,656	30,549	131,417†	35,880,086

* Not including nickel and copper subsidiary coins, value $152,000, and bank-notes face value Chinese $35,420,000, Hongkong $2,089 and Yen 2,000,000.
† Not including bank-notes, face value Chinese $225,083 and English £13.

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES:
VALUE OF MERCHANDISE

	January 1939 G.U.	January 1939 $	January 1938 G.U.	January 1938 $
Imports				
Gross Imports	35,513,995		26,353,798	
Less Re-exports Abroad	333,583		126,617	
Net Imports	35,180,412	84,538,530	26,227,181	59,089,839
Exports				
Gross Exports		67,794,113		43,147,482
Less Re-imports from Abroad		359,040		49,196
Net Exports		67,435,073		43,098,286
Total Net Imports and Exports		151,973,603		102,188,125
Excess of Imports		17,103,457		15,991,553
Excess of Exports				

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES:
VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER

	January 1939 G.U.	January 1939 $	January 1938 G.U.	January 1938 $
Imports				
Gold Coins			464,377	
Gold Bullion			815,186	
Silver Coins				
Silver Bullion		824		
Total Imports		824*	1,279,563	
Exports				
Gold Coins				
Gold Bullion	198,656		30,549	
Silver Coins		80,543		35,840,534
Silver Bullion		50,874		39,552
Total Exports	198,656	131,417*	30,549	35,880,086
Total Imports and Exports	198,656	132,241	1,310,112	35,880,086
Excess of Imports			1,219,014	
Excess of Exports	198,656	130,593		35,880,086

* Not including nickel and copper subsidiary coins and bank-notes.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 28.

Among the commodities, shellac ruled easy under profit taking.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 8¼ unch; sellers 8 5/16 unch; Mar. delivery, buyers 8¼ unch; sellers 8 5/16 unch.

London Sugar (Buyers): Mar. 6/2 unch; May 6/2 unch; Aug. 6/1¾ unch.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 4/4⅛ —⅜; May 4/5⅞ —½; July (New Contract) 4/5½ —⅜.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Mar. 4.92 +3; May 4.89 +3; July 4.73 +3; Sept. 4.62 +2; Egyptian Futures: Mar. 7.05 +14; May 7.08 +8; July 7.11 +5; Sept. 7.11 +5.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £41 11/16 —½; 3 mths sellers £42 1/16; —⅞; Electrolytic, buyers £47 —¼; sellers £48 —¼; Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £214 —1; 3 mths sellers 213½ —1¼; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14 5/16 —⅛; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14 5/16 —3/16; Spelter, ordinary, official price, sellers £13 9/16 —⅛; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £13¾ —⅛.—Reuter.

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 28.

After a quiet opening, yesterday's upward movement on the Stock Exchange was resumed today and some appreciable gains were recorded as the result of an increase in buying orders.

A revival of the demand for rubbers, presumably in response to the industry's improving statistical position, was a notable feature, while Kaffirs and oils were also well supported.—Reuter.

	Feb. 27	28
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£97⅝	98
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	43¾	43¾
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	48¾	49
	Osaka, Mar. 1.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.69
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	18/9	18/9
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	42/6	43/-
Austin Motors	33/-	33/6
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	23/3	22/6
British American Tob.	101/3	103/1½
Cable & W., new form	46¼	46
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/9	8/10½
Courtaulds	29/4½	29/3
Distillers	93/9	94/6
Dunlop Rubber	27/3	27/9
General Elec. (Eng.)	79/6	79/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	106/6	106/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	22/-	21/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/10½	32/-
Imp. Tobacco	140/-	140/-
Leyland Motors	85/7½	88/1½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	59/10½	59/7½
Pressed Steel, com.	17/6	17/6
Rolls-Royce	114/4½	114/4½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/9	16/9
Tate & Lyle	60/3	60/9
Turner & Newall	78/7½	79/-
United Steel	23/4½	23/3
Vickers, ord.	23/10½	24/-
Woolworths	63/10½	64/4½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	25/4½	25/6
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	29/-	29/6
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/6	8/6
Commonwealth Min.	1/1½	1/1½
Marsman Invest.	15/3	15/3
Randfontein Ests.	37/7½	37/6
Sub-Nigel	232/6	232/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	10/3	10/6
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	92/6	94/4½
Burmah	85/-	86/3
Mexican Eagle	7/1½	7/4½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	85/-	87/6
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£74	74
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	66½	66
4½% Anglo-French Loan	52	52
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	34½	35
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	49	48½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	13½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	22
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	21	21
5% ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	19½	19½
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13½	13½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	23	23
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B	16	16
5% ,, ,, G.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18½	19
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9⅜	9¼
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	85	86½
,, ,, (Col. Reg.)	88	88½
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/3	17/3
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	19/4½	19/4½

N—Nominal.

Democrats Defeat Attempt

Washington, Feb. 28.

Democrats in the House of Representative today defeated a Republican attempt to emasculate the Administration's silver policy by limiting the Treasury's silver purchases to American-mined silver. The Republican bill was defeated 155 to 135.

Today's action was considered inconclusive, however. The bill defeated today was an amendment to the Treasury and Post Office Supply Bill specifying that money appropriated for these purposes should not be used to purchase foreign silver.

Mr. Everett Dirksen, Republican Representative of Illinois, is attempting to force action on his measure which would repeal the entire Silver Purchasing Act. Until disposition of his bill has been made, observers believed the future of the Administration's silver policy would not be safe.—United Press.

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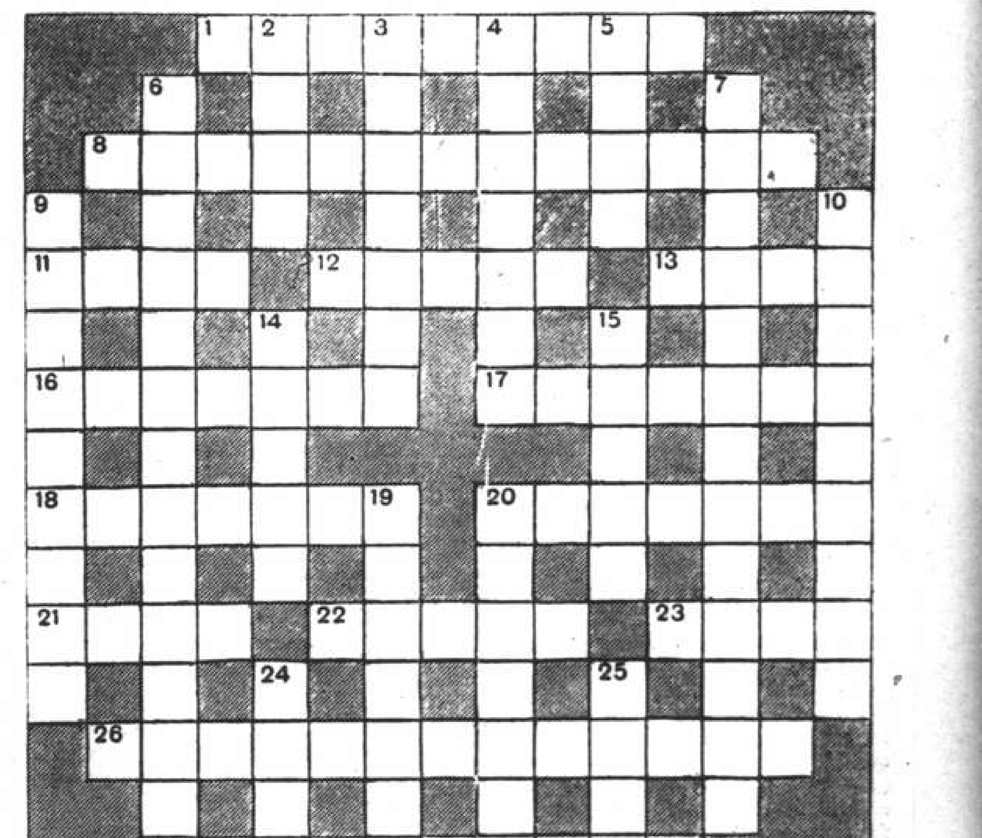

ACROSS

1 A satisfying kind of flour apparently
3 Not one who is flag-flying at the bridge table but a sportsman fond of shooting oddly enough
11 Proverbial for thinness
12 Encouraging sound of food
13 Not much damage in a motor accident
16 Found perhaps in a railway carriage, certainly under it
17 Of course he would never have sung about his love being like a red, red rose
18 Atrocious
20 A form of entertainment
21 'Plane for night flying?
22 No this Cambridge College is not as old as Roman days
23 This fish has arms not fins
26 Illness, in character?
27 This suggests a child lost or a fish found

DOWN

2 A humble Dickens character
3 Is it hard for this dog to go straight?
4 Control mainly a flower
5 "Bring with thee——from heaven or blasts from hell" ("Hamlet")
6 One might think this crime could have been committed only by strong men, but after all it is rather a borderline question
7 A change for the worse from an indoor tea-rite
9 "Hebe's lamp" (anag.)
10 Stay round the coach in obedience to the laws
14 Jewish vestment
15 A number of bones wanted in nurseries, not allowed in school
19 Part of the sharp end of an arrow
20 Advice from legal quarters perhaps
24 This town with Ur shows strength
25 Part of the skeleton

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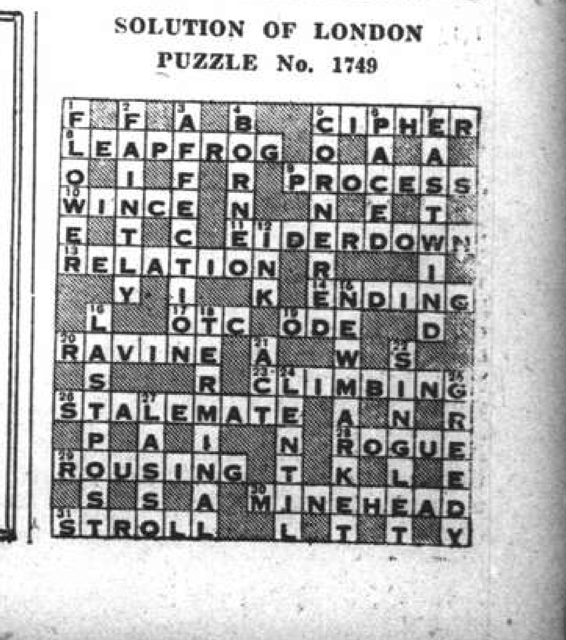

Political Gossip In Harbin

German Residents' Large Role in City's Affairs; Japanese Study Enforced

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Harbin, Feb. 16.

Although Harbin is distant from any political centre, it nevertheless plays the same role in relation to Changchun as New York plays in relation to Washington: in the latter politics are made, in the former they are strenuously debated. This acute interest is explained primarily by the fact that Harbin, like Shanghai, is a city of many nationalities.

In addition to the Chinese, who form the basic element of the population, there are thousands of Japanese, who are active politically both among Chinese and Russians. The number of German residents is growing steadily.

It will soon be a year since Germany recognized Manchoukuo. Today, in addition to Italy, the new state has been granted recognition by Hungary and Poland, and soon should be recognized by Czechoslovakia.

Greater German Role

German residents are, not unnaturally, beginning to play an increasingly greater role in the city's life. A Japanese-German Association in existence here has as one of the its aims the "betterment of understanding between Germany and the peoples of the Far East." It is interesting to note that August 12, 1938 marked a momentous occasion in the club's history: Chinese—or "Manchus," as they have been dubbed here—became eligible for membership. A Bavarian evening was organized, in which Chinese hobnobbed with Germons and Japanese. A symphony orchestra played German and Japanese melodies, and guests consumed beer and Bavarian dishes.

When on April 21, 1938, Germany gave *de jure* recognition to Manchoukuo, the same Japanese-German Association held a dinner at the New Harbin Hotel, served in Japanese style and featuring sukiyaki, saké and entertainment by geishas.

The Association holds meetings at least once a month, at which films devoted to scenes in Germany and Japan, or political events in the two countries, are often shown. It keeps in close touch with similar organizations in Tokyo and Berlin, and always boasts excellent attendance at its meetings, since in a totalitarian régime an invitation card is equivalent to a government order.

The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. K. Tsurumi, and the German Consul, Dr. J. Schulze, are honorary presidents of the Association; Mr. K. Furusawa, Director of the Harbin Vremiya Publishing Co., which publishes an official newspaper in the Russian language, is president; while Dr. W. Friedenstein is vice-president.

British School Obstructed

While city authorities recently put numerous obstructions in the way of the continued existence of the local British School, and while local Russian schools steadily decrease in number, the German Hindenburg Schule is flourishing as never before.

A Hitler Youths' Association is in existence here as well as in Shanghai, and during the winter solstice the the union met for a celebration. This was opened by a roll of drums, after which the Hitler Youths marched into the hall preceded by two burning torches. The Director, Dr. K. Kuehl, gave the opening speech, after which a choir under the direction of Mr. E. Schill sang German songs and individual performers recited National-Socialist poetry.

The Japanese language is being increasingly studied by local foreigners, Russians specially. Railway and Municipal employees are obliged to attend courses, and for this purpose are even temporarily excused from work. Courses last one year, this being estimated ample time in which to assimilate knowledge necessary to anyone wishing to have dealings with the masters of the country.

Better Street Lighting

At the hands of the Japanese the street-lighting system has certainly undergone improvement. In comparison to the times when it was run by Russians and Chinese, the city blazes with light. Better street-lighting was planned to be brought into effect over a period of two years, and in 1938, 1,000 new lamp-posts were erected on the eighteen principal streets. In 1939, 1,300 new lamp-posts will be erected on the remaining 20 streets at present not sufficiently lighted, entailing a total expenditure of Y65,000. The sum of Y35,000 has already been spent, with Y380 the cost per lamp-post. This expenditure is considered low in comparison with that made in other cities for the same purpose.

Strict control over the construction of new buildings is foreseen. When the city first came under the control of the present authorities, the latter encouraged and aided construction of new buildings for schools, hospitals and clubs. A recent notification, however, states that in future only buildings of a character of which there is a lack to be constructed, while other buildings are to remain at their present number.

Even private individuals must, prior to starting construction of any sort, present the Municipality with papers showing the projected plan and utility of such a building, and only after receiving permission can they purchase the necessary materials. This is explained by the economy on all material—iron specially—instituted in Japan and Manchoukuo.

The Municipal budget for 1939 is Y14,140,000—Y2,380,000 less than for 1938. The reduction has been made "in view of the present grave situation."

Japan's Wealthy Men To Pay More Taxes

Finance Ministry Tells Ratio of Earnings

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

Out of 1,657,000 taxpayers in Japan, 240,000 earn between Y.1,200 and Y.1,500 a year, the Ministry of Finance revealed today.

Next in number, the statistics showed, are those in still lower income brackets, earning between Y.1,000 a year, below which they are exempt from taxation, and Y.1,200.

Experts pointed out that the incidence of income taxes is mostly upon those who earn from Y.100 and Y.125 a month.—Domei.

From Yemen to London

Members of the Yemen delegation, headed by the Prince of Yemen (centre) attending the Palestine conference being held at St. James's Palace, London.

Annual Meeting of Hongkong And Shanghai Bank

Chairman Surveys Far Eastern Conditions; Shanghai's Position Discussed; Early Mediation Urged

SPEAKING at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Hongkong on Saturday, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman, gave an exhaustive survey of conditions in the Far East and the effect of the Sino-Japanese hostilities on China's trade, concluding with a reference to the general political situation. The position of Shanghai was prominently mentioned and he underlined the statement of the previous Chairman when he emphasized the importance of the Powers supporting the present Municipal Administration pending a final settlement of the Shanghai problem in all its aspects.

Mr. Pearce said:

After making full provision for all known losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amount to $15,296,621.32 to which must be added $3,383,004.53 brought forward from last year.

After deducting the interim dividend of £400,000 paid at 1/2⅞ and Directors' remuneration there remains available for distribution $12,145,172.08 which it is proposed to allocate as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of £3. per share (subject to deduction of income tax)	$7,744,537.82
Transfer to Bank Premises Account	1,000,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	3,400,634.26
	$12,145,172.08

The figures of our balance sheet have again been converted at 1/2⅞ the same as last year.

There is very little to say about the balance sheet which in total shows an expansion of about $20 millions on each side. Excess note issue has increased about $10 millions and is met on the other side by about a similar increase in our holding of Hongkong Government Certificates of Indebtedness. Among our liabilities current accounts have increased around $24 millions while fixed deposits have decreased $11 millions, while among our assets cash has increased $42 millions, investments $30 millions, while loans have decreased $13 millions and bills receivable $46 millions.

For a good many years it has been the custom for your Chairman to review at some length in his speech to shareholders the political, currency and trade conditions in the Far East. This year the political situation is so delicate and the currency and trade situation so abnormal that, while making some references to each of these headings, I trust you will not be disappointed if I confine my remarks in the main to generalities and leave untouched or pass but lightly over matters about which you hoped for stronger words or more detailed observations. I am sure you realize how foolish it would be for one in my position to attempt to enlarge on subjects which at the moment are both controversial and of great political delicacy. We are, of course, not in the inner confidences of any Government, and it is obvious that the more I say the more easy will it be for misinterpretation to arise.

British Rights in China

Our balance sheet and statement of account show that in spite of all difficulties we have managed to hold our own, and the measured optimism of last year's Chairman has proved to be justified. But all of us who have a solid stake in business and trade out here are aware how precarious and changeable the financial and economic outlook must inevitably be so long as the two great neighbouring Eastern countries remain antagonistic. The present conflict has also led to an unsatisfactory situation in regard to the maintenance of the "Open Door" and British rights and interests in China.

There are some who blame our Home Government for not taking a stronger line of action both here as well as in Europe. I do not, however, propose to criticise British policy. In times of international crisis freedom of speech and freedom of the press have their drawbacks, and much harm has in my opinion been done in recent times by careless criticisms, rumours and the publication of unauthenticated news items. I believe that recently there has been more controversy at home than is wise and desirable about questions of foreign relations. At any rate, it is abundantly clear that His Majesty's Government are steadily strengthening the nation, while at the same time they are freeing their hands and thus becoming more prepared to face future events without embarrassing entanglements. Moreover, the Powers most interested in the Far East have made their stand clear: that the position of their nationals is governed by the strict observance of international obligations such as the Washington Treaties and other international agreements, the alteration of which by unilateral action will not be considered.

From the Japanese side there have also been very explicit assurances that Japan will respect to the fullest extent the rights and interests of the Powers in the occupied areas while leaving "the door wide open". Mr. Hirota used these last words on January 22, 1938 and similar statements have been repeated by important Japanese officials on numerous occasions. It is, however, impossible to reconcile such assurances with the trend of developments in North and Central China. Our important stake in the economic structure of the Far East naturally makes us very anxious that treaties, agreements and properly authenticated statements should mean what they say and be carried out with good faith.

In regard to the currency situation in China, you all know how matters stand; that, as in many other countries, the currency has more than one exchange value, the official rate and the open market rate, which varies in different parts of China owing to restrictions on the movements of bank notes. Until March the exchange was maintained satisfactorily in Shanghai, but when the Federal Reserve Bank was formed in North China and threatened to undermine the national currency, a system of exchange rationing was introduced. This resulted in operators obtaining their exchange requirements where they could and a "black market" started, which eventually became the normal open market for Shanghai, as distinct from the closely rationed official market. As allotments at the official rate became more limited, the open market rate fell away gradually. Thus the dollar was at about 10½d. in the middle of May. A month later it was down to 8d. and eventually the lowest point of 7⅞d. was reached early in August. Support was then forthcoming and soon after the tide turned and the rate recovered to around 8½d. Since then the rate has kept reasonably steady and there have been comparatively speaking, only slight fluctuations caused by military or political developments or local rumours. At the end of the year not only had flight from the currency ceased, but there had been a fair amount of repatriation of funds.

You can read between the lines how difficult and tense a time exchange bankers had throughout the first nine months of the year. Even now there is an ever-present fear of what I may call "external influences." The Tientsin and North China exchange market has particularly suffered from these "external influences" and the outlook there remains under this cloud.

Government Finances

War-time conditions govern the finances of the Chinese Government, but the latter have been assisted by flood crops in the Western provinces and by the fact that remittances of money from Chinese residents abroad have been remarkably well maintained. Perhaps I can sum up the currency and financial situation in China by saying that, partly through good fortune, but more through skilful management, it has been kept well in hand.

We have watched with anxiety the developments taking place in regard to the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration. Although the so-called Anglo-Japanese Customs agreement of last May has not yet been endorsed by the Chinese Government, we are satisfied that it did in fact serve a valuable purpose in aiding the Administration to pass safely through a period dangerous to its integrity. Weighty reasons have restrained the Chinese Government from putting the agreement into effect, but we are sorry that this has not been done. Apart from other things it has meant that no foreign loan quotas have been remitted from the ports under Japanese control. Moreover, we had hopes that some similar *modus operandi* might have been applied to other difficult questions of international concern. In spite of this the payments due on Customs loans were maintained without delay or hesitation throughout 1938. But early in January the Chinese Government eventually were driven to the decision that since 80 per cent. of the Customs revenue was out of their hands they could no longer bear the whole burden of finding the equivalent of some £400,000 each month to meet these loan requirements. However, no public default has yet taken place and it may still be avoided. The future of the Customs loans is bound up with the outcome of the present conflict, but we feel sure that the Chinese Government will do all they can to set matters right as we believe that the maintenance of their credit through these loans is a matter about which they take considerable pride.

Customs and Railways

Meantime, it is pleasant to be able to record that in spite of adverse circumstances the Customs service has been able to weather the storms of the past year without any breakdown in its centralized administration under one nominal authority in the person of the Inspector-General, whom we must congratulate on just having concluded ten years of outstanding service in his arduous post. Notwithstanding the varying conditions of war that have existed at one port after another, Sir Frederick Maze and his international staff of Chinese, Japanese, British and some twenty other nationalities, have throughout shown tactful judgment under unusually difficult conditions. More than ever is it of importance that the international nature of the Customs Service should be continued and that its impartiality vis-a-vis foreign merchants of different nationalities should be unimpaired.

I mentioned just now that at one time we had hopes of the application of some *modus operandi* such as the Customs Agreement to other difficult questions of international concern. I was thinking of the Salt Administration and the railways. When the Salt Gabelle was organized, at the time of the flotation of the Reorganization Loan, there were great hopes that this new Administration would act like the Customs Administration and, with the help of the foreign personnel, insulate the Salt Revenues, and the loans secured thereon, from local disturbances and even more serious eventualities. To a certain extent, the Salt Administration in past years

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Name	From	Consignees
M. Margarida	Ningpo	Maria S.N.
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Neki	Foochow	Yat Shing
Shinai	Tientsin	G.L. Shaw
Meinan	Ningpo	S.V.O.C.
Husan M.	Fusan	N.Y.K.
Mary Moller	Dairen	Mollers'
Daishm M.	River Ports	N.K.K.
Kaiping	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Luise	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Shanghai M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Dragao	Wenchow	P.S.N.
Chingning M.	Tungchow	N.K.K.
Tungwo	Hsinkong	Jardine
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N.
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	Ta Lung
Lipari	Tsungming	C.I.N.
Fooshing	Hongkong	Jardine
Liesel	Hupukow	Chin Dah
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
Nantung M.	Nantung	N.K.K.
Kiangting	Tungchow	Foo Hwa
Livatho	Tientsin	Yung Yuen

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Sanko M.	Jap.	M.B.K.
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Lipari	Ital.	C.I.N.
Suiwo	Br.	Jardine
Ethel Moller	Br.	Mei Shun
Whangpu	Br.	B.&S.
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Don Joao	Port.	Tung Lee
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
Kiungchow	Br.	B.&S.
Dragao	Port.	P.S.N.
Yingchow	Br.	B.&S.
H.M.S. Tern	Br.	—
Kaihuku M.	Jap.	O.S.K.
Ikwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Husimi M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Prosper	Nor.	Union S.S.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Scorpion	Br.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Gnat	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
B. Colleoni	Itl.	Cr.	J.N.B.

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.
(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
THURSDAY, March 2.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.		*20.00	7.15
Foochow	Winifred Moller		9.30	10.00
Aust N.Z. and Manila ..	Pres. Cleveland		12.00	13.00
Hongkong and Canton	Pres. Cleveland		12.30	13.00
Ningpo	Hanna		12.30	13.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Ningpo	Don Jose		14.30	15.00
Ningpo	Santarem		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Foochow	Elsie Moller	x	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Kaiping		18.30	20.00
Chinwangtao	Kaiping		19.30	20.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Shantung		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Shantung		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, March 3.				
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin .	Fooshing		10.00	10.30
Japan H'lulu U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific	Tatuta M.		14.00	16.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez (Y) and Europe (Y)	Patroclus	AX	14.30	16.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Patroclus	x	15.30	16.00
Wenchow	Pelikan		17.30	18.00
Wenchow	Don Pedro		18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Produce	x	19.30	20.00
Japan via Kobe and U.S.A.	Grete Maersk	YC	16.30	17.00
SATURDAY, March 4.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Newchwang		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Yusang		20.00	7.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	Yusang		20.00	7.30
Amoy and Hongkong	Tsinan		7.30	8.00
Hongkong	Hangsang		9.00	9.30
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		14.00	14.30
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Suiyang	B	—	—
Tsingtao and Dairen	Hoten M.		20.00	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for S.S., Gt Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 3rd.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 4th.
C Parcel mail for U.S.A., Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 3rd.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Y Superscribed correspondence.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Pres. Cleveland, at 1 p.m. on March 2, and due Bracciano, Italy, on March 12, and London on March 13.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Patroclus, at 4 p.m. on March 3, and due San Francisco on March 15.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Patroclus, at 4 p.m. on March 3, and due Amsterdam on March 19, and London on March 20.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Air France (Hanoi-Marseilles) from Hongkong per available steamer to Hanoi every Saturday.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Air mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien, Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.

Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m., for S.H.N.R. daily at 9 a.m.

Light mails for or via T.P.R. and north Pinghan close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for Hankow, Wuchang and Hangyang by occasional sailings direct to Hankow.

Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Nanchang per available steamer via Wenchow.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follow:—
ss. Patroclus, via Suez, March 3, due London March 8.
ss. Tatuta Maru, via Pacific, March 3, due London April 4.
ss. Scharnhorst, via Suez, March 7, due London April 2.

Vessels Discharging

GLENOGLE. From London arrived on Feb. 26, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 7, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Tuesday, February 28, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 2-3

TYNDAREUS. From Vancouver arrived on Feb. 27, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 8, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 2-3

ERMLAND. From New Orleans, Mobile, Houston, Galveston, Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Shanghai and Hongkew Pootung East Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on March 6, 1939, at 9.30 a.m., by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 2 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 2-3

MARCHEN MAERSK. The Maersk Line m.s. Marchen Maersk, from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Savannah, Los Angeles Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Saturday morning, March 4, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 2-3

HUSIMI MARU. The N.Y.K. s.s. Husimi Maru, from London via Ports arrived on February 28, and is discharging her cargo at the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Damaged cargo will be examined at the wharf on Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m., by Marine Surveyors, Messrs Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. Claims must be presented within 14 days of the vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Should cargo not be imported within 15 days of arrival of the vessel compulsory Custom's Examination will be held before the goods can be placed in Bond. This company accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any damage sustained as a result of the examination. Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Shanghai Branch. 2-3

SOPHIE RICKMERS. From Continent and way ports is now discharging her cargo at the Hunt's Wharf under terms and conditions of the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Examination of damaged cargo to be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 9 a.m. at the Hunt's Wharf by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Rickmers-Linie, 9 Ave. Edw. VII. Tel. 83308. 4-3

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From GLASGOW: Antenor, due 10.30 a.m., Holt's Wharf. Passengers expected Customs Jetty noon.

From LOS ANGELES: President Cleveland, with mail, due 7.30 a.m., Buoys 11-12. Passengers expected Customs Jetty 8.45 a.m.

From TIENTSIN: Wingsang, due 6 a.m., Buoys 17A-18. Hangsang, due 8 a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.

From HONGKONG: Yusang, due a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.
Newchwang, due a.m., B. & S. Pootung Wharf.
Suiyang, due p.m., B. & S. Pootung Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Mentor	10/1	4/3
Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
From COPENHAGEN		
Java	30/12	17/3
Kina	1/2	29/3
From OSLO		
Talleyrand	17/1	15/3
Titania	17/2	10/4
From HAMBURG		
Potsdam	18/2	27/3
Titania	1/3	10/4
From BREMEN		
Oldenburg	10/1	4/3
Neumark	24/1	13/3
Ramses	7/2	1/4
Kulmerland	21/2	12/4
From ROTTERDAM		
Shantung	15/2	27/3
Kulmerland	2/3	12/4
Abbekerk	2/3	15/4
From ANTWERP		
Glenroy	7/1	4/3
Arendskerk	23/1	13/3
Aller	26/1	14/3
Glenbeg	21/1	19/3
Marburg	8/2	22/3
Gleniffer	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	11/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
From GLASGOW		
Ajax	28/1	18/3
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4
From LIVERPOOL		
Tantalus	28/1	13/3
Ajax	4/2	18/3
Philoctetes	11/2	24/3
Teiresias	25/2	13/4
From LONDON		
Canton	27/1	6/3
Hakozaki M.	3/2	13/3
Somali	4/2	20/3
Corfu	10/2	20/3
Suwa M.	17/2	28/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
From MARSEILLES		
Aramis	3/2	3/3
Chenonceaux	17/2	21/3

From GENOA		
Victoria	23/2	20/3
Potsdam	1/3	27/3
From TRIESTE		
C. Rosso	8/2	5/3
Cortellazzo	20/1	14/3
Arabia	20/2	20/4
From PORT SAID		
Aller	8/2	14/3
Marburg	20/2	22/3
Suwa M.	2/3	28/3
Kina	28/2	29/3
Hector	1/3	31/3
From SUEZ		
Glenbeg	16/2	19/3
Protesilaus	28/2	31/3
Ramses	2/3	1/4
Gleniffer	2/3	1/4
From DJIBOUTI		
Chenonceaux	25/2	21/3
From ADEN		
Victoria	2/3	30/3
From BOMBAY		
Somali	27/2	20/3
Corfu	2/3	20/3
From COLOMBO		
Arendskerk	26/2	13/3
Hakozaki M.	27/2	13/3
Cortellazzo	20/2	14/3
From SINGAPORE		
C. Rosso	27/2	5/3
Neumark	1/3	13/3
Tantalus	2/3	13/3
Talleyrand	2/3	15/3
Java	26/2	17/3
From SOERABALA		
Tjinegara	24/2	11/3
Tjisalak	20/2	11/3
From BATAVIA		
Tjisalak	24/2	11/3
From MANILA		
Grete Maersk	24/2	3/3
Siam. Prince	21/2	3/3
Nankin	28/2	9/3
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
Siam. Prince	9/1	3/3
Silverash	23/1	14/3
Acadia	28/2	15/3
Tai Pin Yang	30/1	16/3
Eurybates	27/1	21/3
Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Cingal Prince	11/2	29/3
Irisbank	7/2	1/4
C. Athens	18/2	15/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agepenor	27/2	20/4
From SAVANNAH		
Ivaran	2/3	19/4
From SEATTLE		
Ixion	17/2	23/3
From VANCOUVER		
E. of Japan	18/2	7/3
Ixion	25/2	23/3
From LOS ANGELES		
Pres. Pierce	20/2	15/3
Acadia	17/2	15/3
Tai Pin Yang	19/2	16/3

From LOS ANGELES		
Eurybates	17/2	21/3
Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
Anna Maersk	3/3	28/3
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Silverash	13/2	14/3
Kamakura M.	2/3	26/3
Cingal Prince	2/3	29/3
Irisbank	28/2	1/4
From HONOLULU		
Emp. Japan	25/2	7/3
Pres. Pierce	2/3	15/3
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From YOKOHAMA		
Patroclus	24/2	3/3
Kasima M.	28/2	6/3
From KOBE		
Patroclus	28/2	3/3
From NAGASAKI		
Nagasaki M.	2/3	3/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		
Boissevain	15/2	24/3
From REUNION		
Boissevain	26/2	24/3
From LOUR. MARQUES		
Fernmoor	—	4/3
From MELBOURNE		
Nankin	1/2	9/3

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Hoten M.	1/3	3/3
From TIENTSIN		
Shuntien	2/3	5/3
Tingsang	3/3	5/3
Wosang	6/3	9/3
Preminent	6/3	10/3
Hupeh	7/3	10/3
From SWATOW		
Leesang	1/3	3/3
From HONGKONG		
Tsinan	25/2	3/3
Grete Maersk	27/2	3/3

From HONGKONG		
Aramis	1/3	3/3
Tatuta M.	1/3	3/3
Mentor	1/3	4/3
Glenroy	1/3	4/3
Oldenburg	27/2	4/3
Chaksang	1/3	5/3
Taiyuan	1/3	6/3
Canton	3/3	6/3
Kwaisang	3/3	7/3
Sinkiang	4/3	8/3
Kiangsu	5/3	9/3
Taisang	5/3	9/3
From KEELUNG (Formosa)		
Tyosa M.	1/3	3/3

Vessels Leaving

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FOOSHING Mar. 3. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Friday, March 3 at 1 p.m. Tender from Customs Jetty noon Friday. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 3-2

KAIPING Mar. 3. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the steamer Kaiping, Captain E. Muton, on Friday, March 3, 1939. For freight or passage apply to the Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 3-3

NEWCHWANG Mar. 4. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 4, at 9.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 4-3

YUSANG Mar. 4. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 4, at 9.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel 15290. 4-3

MENTOR Mar. 5. TAKU BAR, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund Tel. 82020. 5-3

CHAKSANG Mar. 7. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 7. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 7-3

SHUNTIEN Mar. 7. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 7, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 7-3

KWAISANG Mar. 9. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, March 9. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 9-3

SOUTH CHINA COAST

SHANTUNG Mar. 3. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Friday, March 3, at 8.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 2-3

HANGSANG Mar. 4. HONGKONG.—Sails from Jardines Pootung East Wharf on Saturday, March 4, at noon. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 4-3

HSIN PEKING Mar. 4. NINGPO.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 4, at 4.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 4-3

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

LEESANG Mar. 4. FOOCHOW, HSINGWHA and WENCHOW.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 4. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 4-3

TSINAN Mar. 4. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 4-3

SUIYANG Mar. 5. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 5-3

WINGSANG Mar. 5. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 5-3

TINGSANG Mar. 7. HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 7. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 7-3

JAPAN

CANTON Mar. 7. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 7-3

NANKIN Mar. 10. (From Shanghai) MOJI, KOBE, OSAKA and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428 (3 lines). 10-3

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SCHARNHORST Mar. 7. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 7-3

CONTE ROSSO Mar. 8. BRINDISI, VENICE and TRIESTE via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PORT SAID.—Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 8-3

C. OF BEDFORD Mar. 10. HAVRE, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—The Ellerman Line steamer City of Bedford is due to sail for Harve, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Glasgow on March 10, 1939. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd. Tel. 12853 (3 Lines). 10-3

GLENOGLE Mar. 11. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-3

ARAMIS Mar. 14. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 French Bund. Tel. 82034. 14-3

RAWALPINDI Mar. 14. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1939. Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 & 3 p.m. on Monday, March 15. Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For freight and passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 14-3

BURDWAN Mar. 21. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—For freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 21-3

AMERICA

GRETE MAERSK Mar. 1. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road Tel. 15566. 3-3

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AUSTRALASIA

TANDA Mar. 4. (From Hongkong) SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 4-3

NANKIN Mar. 10. (From Shanghai) RABAUL, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via JAPAN and PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 10-3

TAIPING Mar. 17. MANILA, THURSDAY I., CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.—For freight and passage apply A.-O. Line Ltd., Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 17-3

Weather, Time and Tide

Thursday, March 2, 1939 (12th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI February 28 16.00	21.00	March 1 4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.22	30.26	30.24	30.32
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.06	—0.04	+0.02
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.06	—0.04	+0.02	+0.06
Wind (direction)	NE	NNE	NNW	N
,, (miles per hour)	34.2	33.8	34.0	35.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	50.4°	46.8°	42.8°	49.3°
Humidity %	82	91	95	74
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	9	6	1
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report February 28	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.26	—0.02	30.20
Temp. Min. 37.°2 Max. 52.°5	44.°9	—0.°9	42.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	4.34	—	4.28

Time and Tide	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.21	6.20	6.19	6.18	6.17
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.51	17.52	17.53	17.54	17.54
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	14.07	15.14	16.23	17.31	18.39
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	3.07	3.58	4.45	5.29	6.11
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	7.00	8.24	9.35	10.49	11.25
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.26	13.56	14.35	15.15	16.00
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	9.37	10.56	11.26	11.52	12.39
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C	IXION	Pacific Coast	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Hongkong
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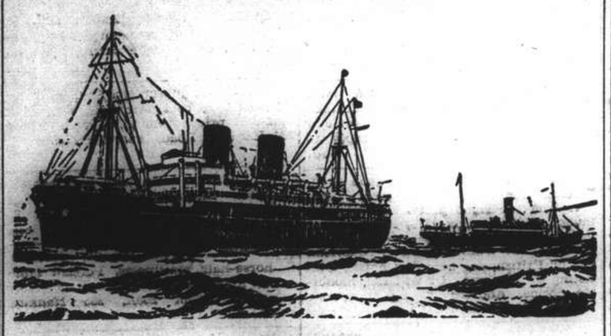

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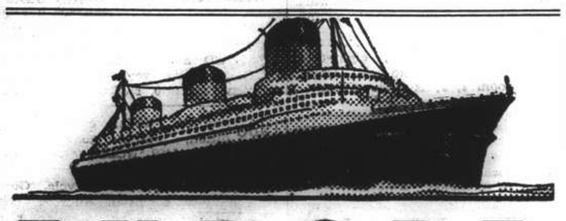

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succeeded in doing so, but the Chinese Government have from time to time effected changes as a result of which the foreign element has been unable to exert those neutral influences which we would have wished. The Salt Revenues of China remain of great importance and are a potential security which may be of considerable value in the eventual rehabilitation of the country, if confidence still exists in the administration.

As regards the railways, the situation naturally deteriorated as the war was prolonged. The Peking-Mukden Railway is now alone of all the Chinese Railways running fairly normally. There is no point in speculating about the future of the other railways in which British bondholders are interested. They have all suffered severe damage and it is clear that so long as warfare continues—and there is no sign of an end—the railways will generally speaking be liable to constant attacks. The Chinese succeeded in removing a very considerable amount of rolling stock and destroyed large sections of the track and many bridges before they retired westwards. As a consequence, the Japanese have had to bring much rolling stock over from Japan and undertake a great deal of reconstruction work at heavy cost. There has been a lot of talk about the Burma Road and the Burma Railway. The completion of the former is undoubtedly a magnificent feat though its practical importance should not be over-emphasized. The railway is still in the preliminary stages and what its future will be, it is too early to foretell.

Trade Situation

The Customs Returns of Trade for 1938 are not easily comparable with those of previous years, but the export figures do indicate how successful the Chinese Government were in gradually diverting exports from the Yangtze to South China ports. Thus exports from Shanghai dropped greatly while the majority of the South China ports showed considerably increased exports. The comparison would be more striking were it not for the closure of Canton and some of the other Southern ports after the middle of October. The Tientsin figures are a considerable improvement over the previous year, mainly because of the great increase of trade with Japan. Canton and Hankow, in spite of air raids and various restrictions, enjoyed a phantom prosperity for some nine months of 1938, but the immediate outlook is gloomy for the handful of foreigners sticking it out in those places under unpleasant conditions. The re-opening of the Pearl and Yangtze Rivers to foreign shipping are naturally matters of very great importance to Canton and Hankow but Hongkong and Shanghai are also vitally affected and merchants of all nationalities are watching the situation with concern.

The general disorganization and dislocation of trade and industry in China during the past year necessitated constant adjustment to keep in line with the changing situation. May I, for instance, remind you that during the year the Japanese occupied the ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo, Weihaiwei, Amoy and Canton. They advanced up the Yangtze beyond Hankow to Yochow and for varying periods Wenchow, Foochow, Ningpo, Swatow and other Southern ports were closed for one reason or another. As a matter of fact, I believe that I am correct in saying that Shanghai, Tientsin and Chinwangtao were the only treaty ports on the China coast which were not subject either to closure or naval operations at one time or another. That shows you what merchants and shippers had to put up with. Yet this is by no means the whole story, because even when ports were open to shipping all kinds of restrictions were frequently imposed. Moreover, in the hinterland multitudinous forms of irregular taxation became prevalent, while the dangers and difficulties of transportation increased charges enormously. Yet the movement of both import and export cargo went on. This was largely due to the amazing resilience and tenacity of the Chinese farmers and traders, which enabled them, sometimes with Government help but often without, to find ways and means of moving goods in spite of the adverse conditions with which they were confronted. In fact, the volume of some important exports has been maintained at a level well up to average years. Significantly enough there has been a great increase in the export of raw cotton to Japan, from 234,000 quintals in 1937 to 964,000 quintails last year. In West China development proceeds apace and the efforts being made to improve agricultural methods and to promote the production of goods of importance to the export trade will surely prove their value in the course of time.

Support for Shanghai

Shanghai has perforce had to resign itself to the new conditions, which have outwardly changed very little during the year. In spite of its main artery, the Yangtze River, being severed, the past few months have shown a distinct improvement, both in imports and exports, over the low level of the earlier months of last year. Up there in Shanghai you have, crowded into the limits of what are regarded as the safety areas, a population which is equal to, if not greater than, the population which previous to the hostilities lived in the three separate administrative districts of the International, the French and the Chinese Municipalities. Moreover, considerable industrial activity has developed in the western district controlled by the Shanghai Municipal Council. New cotton mills, silk filatures, paper mills and also numerous plants of the type employing only a handful of workers have sprung up, and this feature continues. These developments have caused difficult problems for the Municipal Council as well as for the utility companies. In the Japanese-controlled areas north of the Soochow creek little change is to be recorded. A few more factories have opened and a few thousands of Chinese have returned, but by and large those areas remain much the same as a year ago, and no serious attempt at reconstruction of the devastation has yet been set in hand.

Unfortunately, barely perceptible progress has been made in the negotiations affecting Shanghai and its relations with the Japanese military and naval forces, and I can only underline what your Chairman said last year, when he emphasised the importance of the Powers supporting the present Municipal Administration, pending a final settlement of the Shanghai problem in all its aspects.

Any visitor passing from China to Japan will be struck at seeing what little outward effect the war has had on the latter country. But the effects of the war are of course telling on her month by month, and the external value of the yen is now little or no higher than the Chinese dollar. Japan is, however, a well disciplined country, with a highly organized system of Government, and it would be a mistake to undertimate her lasting powers under conditions as they exist at present. Whether these conditions change or not mainly depends on external political developments. China's loosely-knit organization contrasts vividly with Japan's, but the threads of its organization are stronger than they seem; they have an elastic quality which gives but does not easily break. Too much stress ought not to be laid on any indices relating to the economic condition of either of these countries. Under modern conditions even Europe has no right to cast stones at Asia because of abnormality in regard to statistics relating to budgets, national debts, currency reserves and so forth, and in any case these are realms in which the most august authorities often make miscalculations.

Manchoukuo year by year becomes more closely knit with Japan so I will not linger except to draw attention to the new barter agreement concluded with Germany during the year, which is expected to divert more trade from other countries. Yet it is interesting that the final trade returns show that Manchoukuo took goods from the United States of a greater value than ever before: materials for war industries being presumably the explanation.

Hongkong Awaits Developments

In Hongkong we have seen fluctuating conditions throughout the year very dependent, as always, on the entrepot trade with China. The fall of Canton and the closure of other southern ports has of course had an adverse effect on the business community, but it has caused no panic and we are prepared to wait and see what this coming year will bring forth. Fortunately the currency and finances of the Colony are sound, so we are in a position to face the future with confidence.

The trade and finances of the Philippine Islands showed some recession in 1938, but there is plenty of optimism about the coming year. The gold output and base metal production both grow steadily and are an increasingly important factor in the economic outlook. Supporters of the movement to bring independence to the Islands earlier than 1946 seem to have veered round in their views as a result of the conflict in China, and the report of the Joint Preparatory Committee on Philippine affairs has helped to put a seal on this agitation.

In Malaya the set-back which started in the last quarter of 1937 continued into 1938. The trade figures are far from satisfactory while banks have been overloaded with cash. Malaya, of course, depends for prosperity largely on the rubber and tin industries and in both cases 1938 saw decreases in production as well as reduced average prices. Stocks are now gradually falling, but the future depends, as always, on demand from America.

Trade in India has been dull and exports of merchandise have fallen somewhat alarmingly. A notable change took place in the exchange market when last April the Reserve Bank of India dropped its buying rate. The effect was to cause exchange to weaken and attacks on the market by speculators were only checked in December after the issue of a strongly worded communique by the Government stating their determination to maintain the existing exchange value of the rupee.

Mediation Urged

Before I end, I have one more word to say about the situation in the Far East. For many years relations between these great neighbouring countries of China and Japan has been unsatisfactory, and unfortunately there are at the moment few indications of any clearing of the air. In fact, things are drifting dangerously, and the gap will grow more and more difficult to bridge unless mediation is attempted soon. For merchants of all nationalities the desirability of an early cessation of hostilities is manifest, but for millions of desparate people it is of vital importance—a matter of life and death. This is not the occasion to dilate upon the desolation existing over hundreds of square miles of territory; upon the wretched condition of millions who first by military operations and then by succeeding waves of brigandage have been pillaged and despoiled and are likely to suffer repeatedly in similar fashion until peace is once again restored. I only urge that these conditions should be kept in mind by those who are charged with the direction of national policies and that no opportunity be missed to mediate with a view both to relieving the appalling distress as well as to obtaining a situation in which China and Japan can develop naturally and pacifically to the benefit of the whole world.

I cannot conclude without referring to the excellent work of the members of the Staff of the Bank, and particularly of the Managers and Agents stationed at ports in the Far East who have had to deal with problems such as bankers elsewhere rarely, if ever, have to face. They have served us well, and I am sure you will agree that our special thanks are due to them this year.

War in China Past the Worst Phase

Dr. Quo Tai-chi Addresses Liverpool Meeting

London, Feb. 28.

"I believe that the darkest hours have passed away for my country and for the world; and that light is dawning within China, and outside among her friends."

This statement was made by Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London in a speech at Liverpool today on the situation in the Far East.

Stressing China's determination to fight to the bitter end for her freedom and independence, Dr. Quo said that, according to the latest information, General Chiang Kai-shek and 2,400,000 men under training, and proposed to employ one-third of these against the Japanese lines in the occupied areas, one-third for positional warfare, and another third for guerilla warfare.

This, Dr. Quo declared, would be intensified. China, he added, needed all the help finance and diplomacy could give her.—Reuter.

Japanese Protest Over Singapore Actions

Sir Robert Craigie Will Report to London

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

Japan today again protested against alleged mistreatment of her nationals by British authorities at Singapore. Mr. Setsuzo Sawada, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, called Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to the Foreign Office to make representations.

In a 30-minute conference, Mr. Sawada was understood to have drawn the attention of the British envoy to the continued British oppression of Japanese residents despite repeated protests lodged by the Japanese authorities in London and Singapore.

Mr. Sawada expressed concern over the recurrence of such cases, particularly stressing the recent action of the British authorities in requiring a Japanese, in possession of a diplomatic passport, to present himself at the Singapore Police headquarters for questioning. This was a violation of accepted international usage in the opinion of the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Sawada was reported to have stressed that the situation had been growing worse since the end of last year, in spite of protests made with London and Singapore authorities through Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and Mr. Issaku Okamoto, Consul General at Singapore, he said.

Sir Robert promised to transmit the matter to London.—Domei.

February Good Month For Investors

New York, Feb. 28.

Stocks, bonds and a commodities closed on a strong note in final February trading today and United States Government bonds were making new highs for the year as a result of the statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, stating there would be no new money financing in March.

Stock market gains ranged as high as two points. Silk reached the highest point since 1935 and cotton, rubber, hides, copper and sugar all advanced. Grains closed steady.

Trading increased in latter days of the month but the February trading total was the lowest for the month since 1921.

New York stocks reflected the strength of the London market today and belated recognition of the importance of the Supreme Court decisions restricting the activities of the Naitonal Labour Relations Board yesterday. The Court virtually outlawed "sit-down" strikes.

Rail shares led the market advance with Union Pacific rising 3½ points to a new high for the year. New York Central and Sante Fe were among others gaining more than a point. Rail share demand was attributed to prospects of early Congressional aid for carriers.

Steel shares competed with rails for leadership. Bethlehem Steel reached 75, up 2½ points, and U.S. Steel reached 64¾, up 1⅞.

Noon-ferrous metals joined in the rise. Anaconda and American Smelting advanced as much as a point. Utilities firmed quietly to reach the highest average since 1937.

Among issues making new highs for the year were American Telephone, General Foods, International Harvester and Montgomery Ward.—United Press.

Australian Cabinet Crisis Looms

Sydney, Mar. 1.

Australian government parties will meet tomorrow for a joint session to discuss whether it is advisable for them to continue backing the present Commonwealth Cabinet, because the Government wants to abolish the present system of compulsory insurance against illness.

It is understood that the Public Attorney, General R. G. Menzies, threatened to resign and that the Foreign Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, as well as the Secretary of the Exchequer, Mr. R. G. Casey, have the same intention. The Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons, is trying to find a compromise by postponing the new regulation of the national insurance system.—Trans-Ocean.

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Prawns, each	8	Cod	35
White bait	25	Pomfret	40
Yellow fish	20		
Soles	28		
Cuttle Fish	15		
POULTRY GAME AND EGGS			
		Teal ea.	30
Dee Snipe	25	Wild duck ea.	1.10
Pigeon	50	Fowl	75
Duck, each	1.80-2.50	Turkey	60
Chicken eggs	50-72	Woodcock	50
Chicken (young)	75	Goose ea.	3.50
		Wild pigeons	25
		Green Peas	15
VEGETABLES			
B'boo shoots	25	New Potatoes	8
Beans, French	30	Mushrooms	70-1.40
Rhubarb	30	Cauliflower	30-50
Beetroot	12	Horse radish	20
Big marrow	12	Leeks, bunch	10
Cucumber	25	Lettuce	20
Celery bunch	8	Onions Amer.	22
Cabbage	10	Onions, spr.	8
Carrots	10	Potatoes	8
Chillies	30	Potatoes Sweet	6
Egg-plant	25	Spinach	10
Endive, each	20	Tomatoes	30
Garlic	15	Turnips	10
Ginger	15	Green peas	40
FRUIT			
Mandarin Or.	13-15	U.S. Oranges d.	1.20
G. Fruit ea.	25-30	Chestnuts	20
Canton orange	15-20	Pine Apple ea.	8.-10
F'chow Orange	14-18	Chinese Apples	20-25
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Bananas	14-18		
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LADY gives general massage, 10-7 p.m., 153 Nanking Road, Flat A2, fourth floor, Room 401. Telephone 12160. 2256

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